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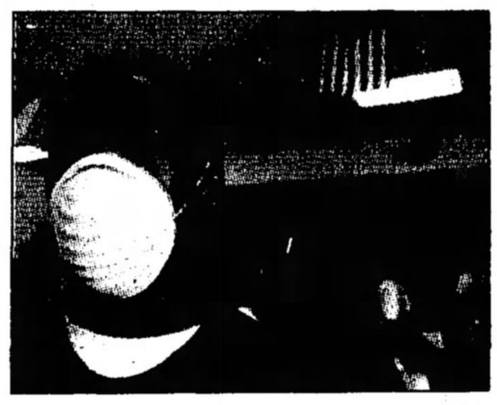

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The flu season's in full swing two months early this year. **8A**

# Rendell: Budget plan phony

The governor said he will veto the proposal but expects an override effort.

**By BRAD BUMSTED**
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HARRISBURG – Legislative leaders on Monday continued to finalize the details of a $27.9 billion state budget proposal in hopes of gaining the support of an "enormously skeptical" Gov. Ed Rendell.

"I will veto it in the name of the children of Pennsylvania and I will veto it in the name of financial responsibility," Rendell said at a news conference yesterday after meeting with leaders of both parties Sunday night.

Rendell said he wants to be "crystal clear: This is a phony budget and it doesn't add up."

He claims the package put together by Senate and House Democrats and Senate Republicans overestimates sources of revenue needed to balance the budget, from taxing small games of chance to a new tax amnesty program.

Rendell predicts it will leave a gaping hole in the 2010 budget.

Rep. Dan Frankel, D-Squirrel Hill, said he is sympathetic to Rendell's argument and believes there is a need for more revenue to avoid problems in the next three years.

He said he is skeptical of the deal framed by leaders of both parties. But what he's hearing and what his colleagues are hearing from constituents, Frankel said, is "it really is time to get this done."

Still, Frankel said there has to be continued discussion with Rendell to "reach a middle ground" before there's a vote.

The budget was supposed to be passed July 1, the first day of the fiscal year. No other state is without an approved budget. It's

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Read Valley Business, a regular Wednesday feature of *The Valley Independent.*

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# Ex-chief will repay $12,700 in boat case

Randy Smalley has entered a program for first-time, nonviolent offenders.

**By JEFF PIKULSKY**
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UNIONTOWN – The former Washington Township fire chief has agreed to pay restitution and enter into a program for first-time, nonviolent offenders in relation to allegations he kept a boat purchased as a raffle prize at a fire department fundraiser.

Randy Allen Smalley, 44, of 1321 Axton Ave., Belle Vernon, originally was ordered to stand trial on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition and theft by deception.

Smalley was chief from Aug. 4, 2000, through April 11, 2001.

He appeared before Fayette County Court of Common Pleas Judge Steve Leskinen Monday for an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition hearing.

The program is open to first-time, nonviolent offenders.

Smalley's attorney, Michael Murphy, of the Pittsburgh-based firm Bogg, Cordes, Murphy and Ignelzi, said Smalley accepted entry into the six-month program and agreed to pay $12,700 in restitution.

"Mr. Smalley actually got less of the probation. It's a nonreporting probation. It was pretty much negotiated beforehand by myself and District Attorney Nancy Vernon," Murphy said of the agreement.

"There's absolutely no admission of guilt by anybody. I personally thought it was a very defensible case, but Mr. Smalley made a decision that the ARD program was the appropriate resolution.

"It was a decision to resolve the issue and allow him to move on and allow the fire department to move on."

When Smalley completes the program, he will be eligible to have his record expunged, Murphy said.

At a Sept. 5, 2008, preliminary hearing before Magisterial District Judge Jesse Cramer, of Belle Vernon, testimony was presented by members of the fire department, state Trooper Wallace F. Borish and James S. Fellin, a forensic accountant who audited fire department financial records.

Fellin, of the Pittsburgh firm The Nottingham Group, testified that his February 2007 report indicated Smalley purchased three boats from Sunset Marina, of Millsboro, in 2000 and 2001 under the fire department's name as raffle prizes, but only two were awarded to raffle winners.

Fellin was told during his investigation by some firefighters that Smalley was in charge of purchasing prizes for the fundraisers.

Fellin, however, said his report was not certain proof Smalley received the third boat because his firm was not permitted access to all financial records.

Sunset Marina co-owner Joseph W. Retucci Jr. said Smalley purchased the boats from his business and told him they were

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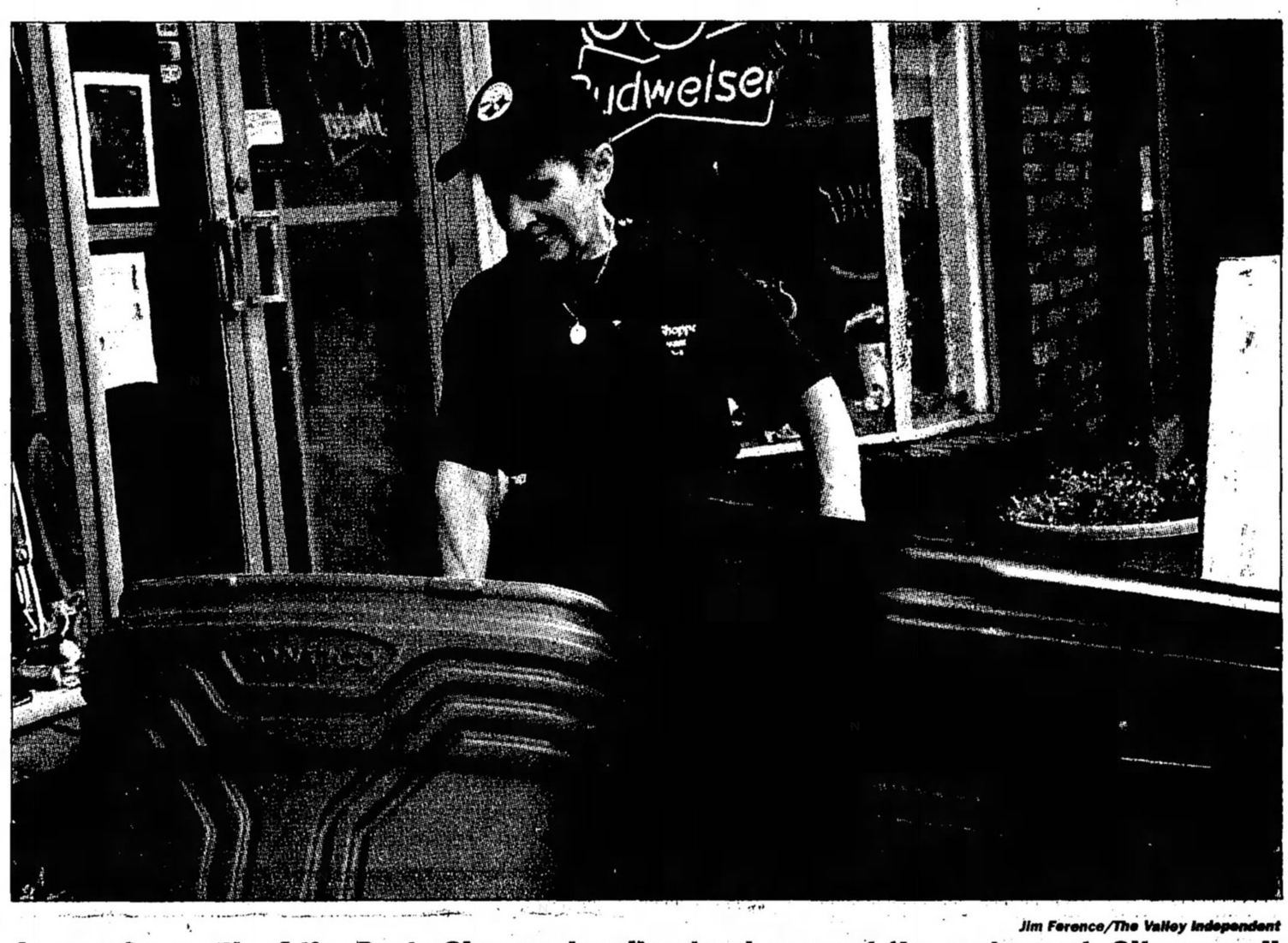

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**Joanne Lapresti, of the Pasta Shoppe, handles trash cans at the restaurant. City council is expected to approve a trash collection contract that will require higher rates.**

# Monessen residents face large trash collection bills

One councilman said the current hauler had an advantage over other bidders.

**By STACY WOLFORD**
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MONESSEN – City residents could see a significant hike in their garbage bills next year.

Council is expected to vote on a six-year refuse-hauling contract when it meets 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center.

However, it doesn't appear the decision will be unanimous.

During a Monday night work session, Councilman Josh Retos said the bidding process for garbage companies was not fair. The city's refuse and recyclables contract is negotiated by the Mon Valley Refuse Authority. The authority also represents North Belle Vernon.

Mayor Anthony Petaccia said the lowest bid was submitted by the current refuse hauler, Waste Management. The city would pay $420,220.32 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. He said the current contract is about $305,000 annually. He said residents pay about $120 a year for garbage collection. The discount for early payment is $105.

While the mayor predicts the garbage rates are going to increase for residents, he said the city needs to accept the lowest bid.

"I'm confident with Waste Management, and I feel they do a good job," Petaccia said.

But Retos said Waste Management had an unfair advantage in the bidding process because it has more information about customers levels.

Retos said Waste Management's bid was $400,000 less than the next lowest bidder because the company had more information. He claimed the authority did not provide the number of accounts to prospective bidders.

City Administrator Rosalie Nicksich said the number of residential and commercial customers constantly changes, but added that prospective bidders could have called her for information.

Retos said it's unfair that business owners can't seek their own deals for commercial garbage services.

"Don't we have a right to free commerce?" Retos asked.

Councilman John Harhai said the contract includes residential and commercial customers to keep prices down, claiming it works that way in other municipalities.

> "Don't we have a right to free commerce?"
> **COUNCILMAN JOSH RETOS**

"I am against splitting the two services," Harhai said.

Councilman Jeff Gagatko added that it is up to garbage company officials to research communities for which they are submitting bids.

In other business, council is expected to vote on an ordinance that will require city residents not connected to the sewage system to pay a sewage line-usage fee.

The city charges a $60 annual

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# Monessen baby found in tub, dies

When police arrived, Malachi Anthony Craig Henderson's mom was performing CPR.

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MONESSEN – Neighbors in the Highland Manor community are mourning the death of a 7-month-old baby found unresponsive in a bathtub.

Malachi Anthony Craig Henderson was found in the bathtub of his apartment at 328 Highland Manor about 1:30 p.m. Friday, according to Monessen police Chief Mark Gibson.

The infant was in the bathtub with his toddler-age sister when his mother, Seairia Henderson, left the bathroom and returned to find him unresponsive.

When police arrived, Henderson was performing cardiopulmonary rescusitation on the infant.

Police continued CPR until paramedics arrived and transported Malachi to Monongahela Valley Hospital in Carroll Township.

The baby subsequently was transferred to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Malachhi died there Sunday night.

Gibson said the investigation will continue today. He said an autopsy will be performed.

A spokesman for the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office said the cause of death is pending completion of the investigation.

A vigil was held Monday night by several neighbors at Highland Manor.

A private funeral service for immediate family is being arranged by the William R. Taylor Funeral Home in Monessen.

The family is planning a public memorial service, the time and place for which will be announced next week.

*Malachi's obituary appears on page 4A.*

# Prince Harry set to cash in

**By The Associated Press**

LONDON – Prince Harry has turned 25, making the eligible bachelor entitled to part of his inheritance from his mother, Princess Diana.

The prince, the younger son of Prince Charles and the late Diana, was spending his birthday by continuing his pilot training in the Royal Air Force on Monday.

Harry and his brother Prince William were left equal shares of their mother's estate following her death in a car crash in Paris in 1997.

With inheritance tax deducted, the estate was valued at nearly 13 million pounds 12 years ago, but its present value has not been disclosed. In today's currency markets, that would be worth nearly $22 million.

Under the will, the princes are entitled to all the income from their part of the estate when they are 25. They gain access to the capital at age 30. William is 27.

# Boat (FROM PAGE ONE)

raffle prizes for the fire department.

The sale orders he filled out were not all dated.

Retucci testified that two of the raffle winners, David Samek, of Belle Vernon, and Gary Stangroom, of Roscoe, apparently each won boats because they returned to his business to register them with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Retucci said the third boat was never registered there.

He testified that he attended the fire department fundraisers where the boats were raffled and met Samek at one of the events.

Washington Township fire department President Charles Horan said he heard one of Smalley's relatives said Smalley had won a boat at one of the fire department's raffles.

Horan said the firefighters were permitted to win the raffle prizes, and the winners did not have to be present to claim them.

He said if an unsold ticket would have been chosen, the boat being raffled would have become the property of the fire department.

Horan testified that Smalley was in charge of tracking the unsold tickets.

Horan said he was not aware that any firefighter had won a boat at the events.

Borish executed a search warrant at the marina Jan. 15 and found sale records that indicated Smalley purchased three boats from the marina from 2000 to 2001.

Borish said at the preliminary hearing that The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission told him someone named John Reefer bought the third board, an 2000 Smoker, from A.C.C Marine Center, 4750 Route 8, Allison Park.

Borish testified that the A.C.C. Marine Center owners told him a man named Randy sold them the boat. The owners said "Randy" claimed when he traded the boat in that he won it in a raffle but wanted a different boat, Borish said.

On April 11, 2001, Smalley traded in the 2000 Smoker to A.C.C. Marine Center and received $9,778 toward a Star Craft Islander boat he bought for $23,846 in his and his mother's names, according to Borish's investigation.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, Borish said Smalley indicated during an interview at his residence July 16 that he bought two boats for fire department raffles and won one of the vessels.

Smalley told Borish "there was no way the fire department purchased three boats," the affidavits states.

Smalley said "it was possible that at one of the events two boats may have been raffled off with him winning one of them," Borish wrote ' in the affidavit.

Smalley said he told several people he won one of the raffled boats, according to the affidavit.

Borish said he interviewed those people and "none of them stated that Smalley told them he won a boat at a raffle."

The charges against Smalley followed a forensic audit completed in 2007 that examined financial problems in the volunteer department that occurred during Smalley's tenure as chief.

The audit disclosed that Smalley and other township officials cost the department from $175,000 to $200,000 in revenue from deals that he arranged.

The members ousted him as chief in 2004 after the department nearly went broke.

The audit also:

- Could not account for a portion of a $75,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to buy communications equipment and protective gear for the department. The money was paid to a company Smalley owned. The fire department was forced to repay part of the money.
- Found Smalley rented a house from the fire department for 30 months but failed to pay any rent.
- Determined that Smalley steered the sale of the department's social hall, assessed at more than $100,000, to the son of a township supervisor for $35,000.

# Trash (FROM PAGE ONE)

line-usage fee to the city's Mon Valley Sewage Authority customers. The fee is added to the quarterly sewage bills. Customers pay $15 extra per quarter for the line-usage fee.

Residents not tapped into the sewerage system currently are not assessed the fee. However, council determined those residents should be required to pay because the city is responsible for catch basins near their properties.

About 70 residents are not tapped into the system.

Petaccia said the city is not asking those residents to tap into the systems, which is being done in other communities.

Council is expected to vote Wednesday on an ordinance stating that those residents will be required to pay the $60 annual fee.

Donora and Monessen officials decided last year to levy line-usage fees. The money is being used to cover repair costs to the century-old sewer lines. Each municipality has its own fund for the money.

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## Yesteryear

**Here is a photo of an old-time baseball team, the Patton Athletic Club, of Bunola. Pictured, left to right, back row, unknown, Doc Cooley, John O'Hara, John Patton Sr., unknown; middle row, unknown, unknown, Graty Hynock, Earl Nickols, Gene Allegre; bottom row, Pepper Crovak, John Popovich, Steve Nagy, John or Mike Kretzman and Louie Allegre. The photo was submitted by Frank Tignanelli, of Bunola.**

## Weather

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# Award will honor soccer dad

The late Tom Zubritsky was the consummate cheerleader.

**By AMANDA GILLOOLY**
*For The Valley Independent*

"Soccer dad" was certainly an applicable title, but it wasn't the most appropriate one to describe the late Tom Zubritsky.

For the Belle Vernon Area girls' soccer program, the man exemplified the volunteer spirit that helps buoy high school sports.

Leslie Henry, who has worked with the girls' soccer organization as a booster parent for years, said Zubritsky was a constant fixture on the sidelines, taking on the role as a motivator and a cheerleader of sorts – not just for one of his two daughters, Leslie, but the entire team.

Following an illness, he died in July. Zubritsky was 55.

That attitude of altruism was the force behind the creation of the annual Heart of Courage Award, which will be unveiled and announced during the girls' varsity soccer match Saturday at Jim Weir Stadium.

Henry said an outgoing senior in the program who has overcome adversity while still maintaining her grade-point average – and giving back to the community – will be honored with the award at the district's athletic banquet each spring.

"Tom was a proud parent on the sidelines who gave tremendously to the program," said Henry, who helped create the concept and lead the fundraising effort for Saturday's event. "(We) just really think it is an important to give back. It is important lesson for the girls to stand up to the plate."

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**Leslie Henry displays information about the Heart of Courage Award, which will be presented annually to a Belle Vernon Area High School girls' soccer player in honor of Tom Zubritsky.**

Information on the nonmonetary honor will be available in the office of District Justice Jesse Cramer, as well as in Belle Vernon's award/scholarship handbook after the list of criteria for applicants is finalized this week.

Cramer is the Belle Vernon Area's athletic director.

Henry encourages players, parents and girls' soccer supporters who will be at the game to consider donations to a cause that was near and dear to the Zubritsky family: The Donnell House in Washington, Pa., the hospice where he spent his final days.

While Henry said the evening will help commemorate Zubritsky, she hopes it is an event that will also help honor all parents and volunteers who have spent time on and off the field in an effort to support and further the program and the girls who are a part of it.

Fliers have been posted and announcements have been made, and she hopes Zubritsky's daughters, Leslie and Mallory, will be able to join all those who will be in attendance Saturday to celebrate their father and the ideology behind and motivation for The Heart of Courage award.

"Life is so precious and we need to celebrate every moment of it," Henry said. "And it is also just so imperative to instill the importance of giving back."

# Phony (FROM PAGE ONE)

the longest the state has been without a spending plan since at least 1971, according to the governor's budget office.

Legislative staffers are crunching numbers in an attempt to get Rendell on board before a House-Senate Conference Committee considers the plan that avoids a major tax hike.

The conference committee, where the agreement would emerge as legislation, was postponed twice yesterday. It's not clear when it will meet next.

The agreement was announced Friday without Rendell's participation.

The proposal halts the phase-out of a business tax, and levies new taxes on small games of chance as well as on table games at casinos, which would be legalized. House Republicans say they were not part of the deal.

Rendell didn't close the door on the effort to win him over but he told reporters: "I was willing to give them a chance. Put me down as enormously skeptical."

Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, said he believes a majority of Senate and House members will approve the agreement.

"The governor's news conference was disappointing to me," Pileggi said. "I thought he was committed to keeping an open mind."

Rendell said he's prepared for an effort to override his veto, and said he believes both chambers will garner the two-thirds vote threshold to overturn it.

But the General Assembly has to pass the budget first and Rendell said he's hearing of "mini-rebellions" in the caucuses of the House and Senate.

Brett Marcy, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne County, disputed any problem in the House.

"We continue to have the framework of an agreement in place, but there is still much work to do to finalize the details," Marcy said. "Once everything is finalized, the conference committee will reconvene."

# Valley briefs

### Jury selection starts in Springer case

Jury selection began Monday for the trial for a Webster man accused in the shooting deaths of former Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy.

Gerald Szakal, of Fifth Street, will stand trial alone after the last of his accused accomplices agreed last week to testify in the case.

Szakal is charged with two counts of criminal homicide, and one count each of robbery, receiving stolen property and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Police believe Szakal shot and killed the Springers March 4, 2008, inside their home at 1241 Highland Road, Carroll Township.

According to court records, Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township home, selling them to the Springers before returning to the Carroll Township couple's home to rob and kill them, police allege.

According to the court documents, Szakal admitted to killing the Springers and stealing $6,500, giving $1,500 to Gregory Monya Carpenter, of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi, and $1,000 to Justin Welch, of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi.

After killing the couple, Szakal went to the 911 Crest Ave. apartment where he took off his blood-splattered clothing, showered and placed the clothing in a plastic bag, according to court records. The bag was later thrown in the river.

He placed the .25-caliber handgun allegedly used in the homicides under a mattresses on one of the beds, according to court records.

The Springers were precious metals dealers who operated out of their home. Former customers told police that the only way to gain access to the Springers home business was to first set up an appointment by telephone. Records indicate Szakal called the Springers three times the day of the homicides.

Szakal's three alleged accomplices have already entered pleas and are expected to testify in the case – Carpenter, Welch and Tecko Dwayne Tartt, 22, formerly of Donora.

From a pool of approximately 200, 12 jurors and two alternates will be chosen. Jury selection is expected to take up to a week.

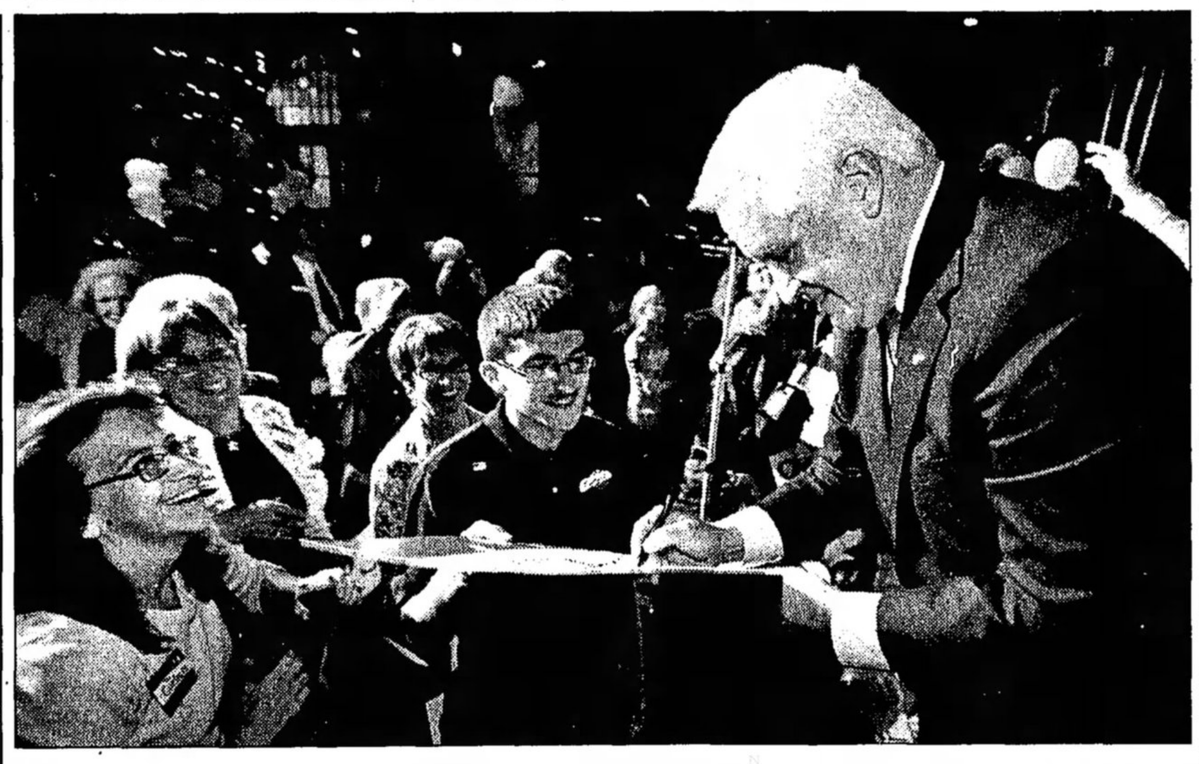
Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said his office will seek the death penalty if Szakal is convicted.

Springer's role as a retired police chief was not a mitigating circumstance in that decision, which was based on various circumstances laid out in the state statute for determining sentencing in homicide cases. Those circumstances include a double homicide committed in the course of a robbery.

### Mon City street re-opens after fire

A block of West Main Street in Monongahela, closed since fire ravaged a section of the downtown business district last week, has reopened to traffic.

The Sept. 6 fire gutted Vocelli Pizza, located at 22 West Main St. and damaged roofs to two other buildings – The Bee's Nest Cafe, 226 West Main St. and Hufnagel Software and Computers, 218 West Main St.



Associated Press

**State Attorney General Tom Corbett, right, signs autographs after announcing his candidacy for governor during a rally at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh on Monday. Corbett, 60, who's best known for his agency's ongoing investigation of alleged corruption in the state Legislature, vowed to restore trust in Harrisburg, protect taxpayer money and improve the state's economy.**

# Inmate's death under review

Fayette County Prison Warden Larry Medlock said robbery suspect Cade Stevens committed suicide.

**By LIZ ZEMBA**
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The Fayette County Prison Board will meet in special session Wednesday to review the circumstances surrounding an inmate's death over the weekend.

Cade W. Stevens, 25, of 257 Lucky Lane, Dawson, was found hanging from cell bars in the county prison at 10:06 a.m. Saturday.

Stevens, who was pronounced dead at 11 a.m. in Uniontown Hospital, used bedsheets to hang himself, according to Warden Larry Medlock.

Stevens apparently hanged himself between 9:40 and 10:06 a.m., according to state police at Uniontown.

Medlock yesterday had no additional information, pending completion of an investigation.

Stevens had been placed in the jail at 3:35 a.m. Friday in lieu of $50,000 bond on charges of robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault and theft.

State police said Stevens used a shotgun Thursday afternoon to rob four golfers of cash on the 15th hole of the Linden Hall golf course in Lower Tyrone.

Stevens emerged from the woods and demanded that the four men get down on the ground, according to state police at Belle Vernon.

Stevens hit one of the golfers in the face before the victim surrendered a money clip holding $80, police said.

He was admitted to the jail on a day when prisoners are not permitted to have visitors, Medlock previously reported.

Guards noticed nothing amiss when dealing with Stevens earlier on Saturday morning, according to Warden Larry Medlock.

The prison board meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Fayette County Courthouse.

# Belle Vernon gets $50,000 grant for stormwater work

Money that had been sought by the late Mayor James V. Bitonti termed "a blessing."

**By JEFF PIKULSKY**
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BELLE VERNON - The borough's engineer told council Monday that it has a good problem for a change.

Council members learned Friday that the borough has been approved for a $50,815 Community Development Block Grant through the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority.

The late Mayor James V. Bitonti applied for the grant in November, intending to use it for a stormwater and wastewater separation project on Vernon and Columbus streets.

Council President Michael Frederick said Fayette Engineering Inc. – the engineer for the borough's $1.85 million storm-water and wastewater separation project completed earlier this year — overlooked the area in the project plans.

Frederick said council had to undertake the installation of 800 feet of sewer line in the area.

Bitoniti died Jan. 30, and council had not heard an update about the redevelopment grant until last week.

On Aug. 29, council awarded a $49,032 contract for the work on Vernon and Columbus streets to Elisha Industries Inc., of Belle Vernon, and planned to move ahead with the project using no grant money.

Borough Engineer Glenn Wolfe, of Connellsville-based Widmer Engineering, said he is trying to find out if the CDBG grant can still be used for that project.

If that's not the case, it could be reassigned to a new project involving storm sewer or waterline improvements or road resurfacing, Wolfe said.

"Actually, this is a blessing," Wolfe said. "This is a good problem to have."

The grant must be used for work in a low-to-moderate income area.

"We have a list of projects that can use this money," Councilwoman Robin Owens said.

Council approved a motion to delay construction on the Vernon and Columbus project for two weeks, until council learns more about the grant status.

In an unrelated matter, Mayor Rich Saxberg said council should contact the Fayette County code enforcement office in regards to building code violations at No Place Special.

Saxberg said county inspectors found multiple violations at the Main Street business about two months ago, but council has not heard anything since.

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# Retired Ringgold teacher earns prestigious award

Valley profiles
A weekly look at one of our neighbors

**By KARI SHAFFER**
*For The Valley Independent*

A retired Ringgold High School choir director was surprised on a recent trip to Boulder, Colo., when she was presented with a lifetime achievement award for her significant contribution in the field of voice.

Esther Benack Spadaro, of Clairton, was honored on Aug. 8 with the Estill Lifetime Achievement Award (ELAA) at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. The symposium was filled with attendees from all over the world who have embraced the work of Jo Estill, who started the Estill Voice Training program in 1988.

Spadaro

The symposium, which is held every other year, previously took place in Copenhagen, Denmark (where Spadaro was actually originally nominated) and will be held in Rome, Italy in 2011.

According to the program's mission statement, the Estill voice method "simplifies the learning process by breaking the voice down into its working parts - the actual structures that make the voice work. Using EVT's Figures for Voice, a series of vocal exercises, students learn to control each structure independently and then combine the structures to create different voice qualities."

Spadaro has been a teacher of the Estill methods since 1983, when she started training with Estill herself.

"I started one summer when I was living in New Jersey and I traveled to New York City to work with [Estill]," Spadaro said. "And, when fall came, I flew up on weekends from Pittsburgh to continue working with her."

She incorporated those lessons into her 36 years of

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## THE QUIZ

THE QUIZ IS PART OF THIS NEWSPAPER'S NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

**NEWSFACE:**
I am a Republican representative from South Carolina. I made headlines last week when I angrily yelled "You lie!" at President Obama during his speech to Congress. I was reacting to Obama saying that illegal immigrants will not be covered by his proposed health care reform plan. Many people have said my outburst was inappropriate. Others pointed out that I was also factually in the wrong. I apologized after my outburst, but some Democratic leaders are calling for me to face a penalty. Who am I?

1. A British court convicted three British Muslims of plotting to bomb at least seven trans-Atlantic airliners by bringing explosives aboard in (CHOOSE ONE: carry-on luggage, soft-drink containers).

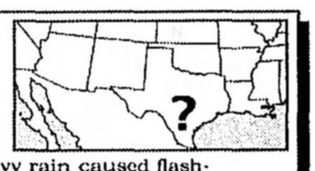
2. In a bizarre incident, hip-hop star Kanye West jumped on stage and interrupted the acceptance speech of singer ..?.., who had just won Best Female Video at the MTV Video Music Awards.
__Pink __Beyonce __Taylor Swift __Miley Cyrus

3. Aaron Rodgers threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to help give the Green Bay Packers a victory over division rival the ..?...

4. In a new taped message, ..?.. described President Obama as "powerless" to stop the war in Afghanistan.

5. Comedian (CHOOSE ONE: Roseanne Barr, Ellen DeGeneres) has been tapped to replace Paula Abdul on "American Idol."

**NEWSPLACE:**



After a summer of record-breaking temperatures, the central part of this state received some much-needed precipitation, but days of heavy rain caused flash-flooding and closed roads. Thousands of residents of this state lost power as storms downed power lines. Part of Interstate 35 was shut down, snarling traffic. Name this U.S. state.

6. Tennis star (CHOOSE ONE: Maria Sharapova, Serena Williams) was fined $10,000 at the U.S. Open after losing her temper and yelling at the line judge.

7. At least 18 women and girls waiting to get free flour in ..?.. were killed when the crowd around them swelled and a stampede occurred, officials said.
____Iraq ____Turkey____Pakistan ____Mexico

8. President Obama is going to Wall Street on the first anniversary of the collapse of finance giant (CHOOSE ONE: Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns), which sent the global economy into a tailspin.

9. Oprah Winfrey said her interview with singer ..?.., who is attempting a comeback, was the "best" interview she's ever done.
__Celine Dion __Mariah Carey __Whitney Houston __Janet Jackson

10. (CHOOSE ONE: North Korea, Iran) has agreed to start talks with six world powers on global economic and security problems next month.

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**ANSWERS**

NEWSFACE: Joe Wilson *(15 points for correct answer)*
NEWSPLACE: Texas *(15 points for correct answer)*
*(7 points for each correct answer)* 1-soft drink containers; 2-Taylor Swift 3-Chicago Bears; 4-Osama bin Laden 5-Ellen Degeneres; 6-Serena Williams; 7-Pakistan; 8-Lehman Brothers; 9-Whitney Houston; 10-Iran

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# RECORDS

## DEATH NOTICES

**ANDERSON** — Joyce (Mathis) Anderson, 82, of Perryopolis, formerly of Sarasota, Fla., on Monday, Sept. 14. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

**BLACKWELL** — Earl Blackwell, 94, of Monessen, on Sunday, Sept. 13. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

**FRANKENBERG** — Leonard Frankenberg, of Harrisburg, on Sunday, Sept. 13. Hoover Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Harrisburg.*

**HENDERSON** — Malachi Anthony Craig Henderson, on Sunday, Sept. 13. William R. Taylor Funeral Home, Monessen.*

**PREVIOUS DEATH**
**REVETTA**, Mafalda L.*
* See death notice

### Joyce (Mathis) Anderson
**Perryopolis**
**Formerly of**
**Sarasota, Fla.**

Joyce Mathis Anderson, 82, of Perryopolis, formerly of Sarasota, Fla., died Monday, Sept.14, 2009, at 6 a.m. at Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Born Dec. 27, 1926, in Warren, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Harold J. and Alda Weaver Mathis. Mrs. Anderson was a resident of Perryopolis for the past two years having previously resided in Sarasota, Fla. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Warren, Pa., a retired bank teller from National City Bank, Warren, Pa., and served as a volunteer and secretary of the organization for Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota, Fla. She is survived by a daughter, Aldaleah Varega of Perryopolis; and two grandchildren Jennifer and Mark Azzaretto. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin P. Anderson; and a sister Pauline Marti. Private interment will take place in Oakland Cemetery, Warren, Pa. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon 724-929-6183. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

*Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.*

### Earl Blackwell
**Monessen**

Earl Blackwell, 94, of Monessen, passed away Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Nevaeh Cove, Charleroi. He was born March 28, 1915, in Gasconabe, Missouri, a son of the late William R. and Della Feagan Blackwell He worked as a meter repairman for Authority of the Borough of Charleroi. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Monessen and the Charleroi Moose. Surviving are three daughters: Carol and husband John Howlett of Fellsburg; Lynn Grice of Monongahela; and Betsy and husband Thomas White of Merritt, Fla.; grandchildren: John and wife Tracey Howlett of Charleroi; Thomas G. and wife Susan Grice of Maryland; and Sandra and husband Jim Toscano, also of Maryland; great-grandchildren: Charlyne and Tiffany Grice, Rhianna, Rhylee, and Evan Matthew Howlett. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Blackwell; and three brothers, Marvin, Floyd and Lloyd; and three sisters, Minnie, Elsie, and Violet. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, 1209 Grand Blvd. Monessen, where friends will be received on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m., the time of services. Services will be held in the chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Christina Ingold officiating. Entombment will follow at Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels or St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Monessen.

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### Leonard Frankenberg
**Harrisburg**

Leonard Frankenberg, 65, of Harrisburg, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Community General Hospital, Harrisburg. Mr. Frankenberg was born in Newport, R.I., and was the son of the late Abraham and Margaret Brown Frankenberg. He owned and operated his own consulting firm, Leonard Frankenberg, Inc., retiring in 1997. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Frankenberg was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Frankenberg. Mr. Frankenberg is survived by his wife, Marlene Evans; one daughter, Kelly Dozier of Lafayette, La.; one Son: Dr. Kris Frankenberg of Georgia; four grandchildren; one sister: Betty Pacillio of Virgina Beach, Va.; and one brother: Ernest Frankenberg of Seattle, Wash. Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 4219 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011 Arrangements by HOOVER FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, INC., Harrisburg, Pa. Online condolences may be left at www.hooverfuneralhome.com.

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### Malachi Anthony Craig Henderson
**Monessen**

Malachi Anthony Craig Henderson, 7 months old, of Monessen, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Children's Hospital. Born Feb. 6, 2009, at Magee Hospital to Seairia Desirae Henderson and Aaron Otis Payne Jr. During his short life on this earth, Malachi touched many hearts and was loved by all who knew him. In addition to his parents, he leaves to cherish his memory three brothers, Christian Charles Henderson, Alijah Payne and Iziah Payne; one sister, Ah-Raeia Henderson; grandparents Margaret L. Hill and Steven C. Henderson, Denise Wade and Aaron O. Payne Sr.; great-grandparents Wendy Wade and Bruce Davis; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A private service will be held for the immediate family. The family will have a memorial service for family and friends at a later date to be announced next week. Arrangements have been entrusted to the WILLIAM R. TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, 645 McMahon Ave., Monessen, Pa. 15062. Trudy Taylor-Bristol, funeral director, in charge. (724) 684-4877.

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### Mafalda L. Revetta
**Monongahela**

Mafalda L. Revetta, 93, of Monongahela, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Marshall Marra Funeral Home, 216 Chess St., Monongahela. A complete obituary will appear in Wednesdays edition.

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Raymond Bernard Resavy Jr., 56, of 2 Berkley Circle, Port Royal Village, waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Resavy was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after an incident July 1 on the 100 block of Robertson Street and the 100 block of East Main Street in West Newton.

■ George William Mirenna, 39, of 102 Lookout Ave., Charleroi, waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Mirenna was charged with driving under the influence and a traffic violation after an incident May 15 at Exit 43 on Interstate 70 in Rostraver Township.

■ Christopher Bryan Lewis, 21, of 258 Salem Church Road, Belle Vernon, was ordered to stand trial. Lewis was charged with burglary, criminal trespass, theft, escape, receiving stolen property, resisting arrest and criminal mischief after an incident Aug. 7 at 245 Salem Church Road in Rostraver Township.

■ William Charles Stevenson, 39, of 434 Hill St., North Belle Vernon, waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Stevenson was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition and theft by deception after incidents Nov. 22 and Jan. 13 at his residence.

■ Benjamin Bryant Harvey, 18, of 217 Center St., Belle Vernon, waivedhis right to a preliminary hearing. Harvey was charged with driving under the influence and receiving stolen property after an incident July 9 at Taylor Auto Service in North Belle Vernon.

■ Traci Lynn Anatovich, 22, of 461 Ridgewood Drive, Fredericktown, waived her right to a preliminary hearing. Anatovich was charged with open lewdness after an incident July 27 at Sweeney's restaurant in Rostraver Township.

■ Fred Lee Dick, 41, of 824 E. Main St., West Newton, waived his right to two preliminary hearings.

Dick was charged with theft by deception, receiving stolen property, insurance fraud, false application for certificate or title or registration and altered, forged or counterfeit documents and plates in relation to incidents June 27 through July 2 at C. Harper Ford in Rostraver Township.

Police said he was also charged with theft and unauthorized use of an automobile and other vehicles after an incident July 7 on Robertson and East Main streets in West Newton.

## VALLEY POLICE LOG

### California

■ Nicholas Kukla, 26, of North Huntingdon, was cited for public drunkenness at 2:24 a.m. Sunday on Liberty Street and Strawberry Way, after he was allegedly found passed out on the ground.

■ Travis Lee Watson, no age given, was cited for carrying false identification at 12:39 a.m. Sunday at J Coles Tavern.

■ Anthony Kane Jr., 19, of Pittsburgh; Michael Donovan, 20, of Pottstown; Chase A. Loper, 20, of West Chester, and Sean P. Flagler, 20, of Newfane, N.Y., were cited for disorderly conduct for an alleged loud party at their apartment at Vulcan Village at 11:59 p.m. Friday.

■ Mathew John Lynn, 20, of McKees Rocks; Ryan Paul Glowacki, 21, of Finleyville; Garrett G. Schmidt, 20, of Southbury, Conn., and Stephen Christopher Heisler, 21, of Pittsburgh, were cited for disorderly conduct for allegedly hosting a loud party at their apartment on Second Street at 12:53 a.m. Saturday. Hilliary L. Smith, 19, of Sandyhook, Conn., was also charged with disorderly conduct and underage drinking.

■ Derek D. Wynne, 21, of Bangor, was cited for disorderly conduct and harassment at the Theta Xi fraternity house at 1:07 a.m. Saturday.

■ Craig Allen Cruley, 19, of Johnstown, and Christopher Mallory, 18, of Greensburg, were cited for underage drinking at 11:37 p.m. Friday at Vulcan Village.

### State police, Greensburg

■ Debra Costanzo, 55, of Herminie, reported that during the hours of 6-8 p.m. Sept. 12 someone entered her vehicle and stole her purse while the vehicle was parked at her residence.

■ Richard Clay Stover, 77, of West Newton, reported that during the hours of 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 7 a.m. Sept. 7, someone bent eight steel posts along the southwest corner of his property. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Greensburg barracks at (724) 832-3288.

### State police, Belle Vernon

■ State police are investigating an incident of criminal mischief at the Bentleyville Apartments that took place during the hours of 5 p.m. Sept. 7 and 2 p.m. Sept. 8. Police said someone damaged a private property sign located near the driveway to the apartment complex.

■ Ronald Borland, 37, of Fayette City, was charged with harassment Sept. 10 as a result of an incident that took place on Market Street in Fayette City.

■ Christopher Kowalski, 29, of Smithton, was charged with harassment 2:45 a.m. Sept. 12 as a result of an incident that took place at a residence along Fort Street in Smithton.

■ Daniel Decker, 23, of Beallsville, suffered moderate injuries as a result of a one-vehicle accident that took place 1:55 a.m. Sept. 14 on State Route 2069 in West Pike Run Township. Decker, who was flown to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital for traetment, was charged with speeding.

# Actor Patrick Swayze dead at 57

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick Swayze personified a particular kind of masculine grace both on and off screen, from his roles in films like "Dirty Dancing" and "Ghost" to the way he carried himself in his long fight with pancreatic cancer.

Swayze died from the illness on Monday in Los Angeles, his publicist said. He was 57.

"Patrick Swayze passed away peacefully today with family at his side after facing the challenges of his illness for the last 20 months," Annett Wolf said in a statement Monday evening. She declined to give details.

Fans of the actor were saddened to learn in March 2008 that Swayze was suffering from an especially deadly form of cancer. He continued working despite the diagnosis, putting together a memoir with his wife and shooting "The Beast," an A&E drama series for which he had already made the pilot.

Swayze said he chose not to use painkillers while making "The Beast" because they would have taken the edge off his performance.

The show drew a respectable 1.3 million viewers when the 13 episodes ran this year, but A&E said it reluctantly decided not to renew it for a second season.

**In Memory Of**

**Valentia Priscilla Azelle Werner**

Valentia Priscilla Azelle Werner, our beautiful daughter, in our hearts, minds and souls always because she lives with us forever. Every second of every day, we painfully miss her intense gaze, adorable smile, cartoon character-like cry, funny monkey faces and sweet scent. We often imagine and dream about the little girl she should be blossoming into, wondering whether her big-girl hair would have been blonde or brown, if her eyes would have stayed blue and how tall she would have grown by now. We'll likely never know why such a healthy and perfect girl was only with us for 38 days, but recognize that being able to love and hold her in our arms for even that short amount of time was a privilege.

*Happy 1st Birthday Valentia, you are sorrowfully missed by your Mama, Dada, Grandparents, Aunt Laura and many loving friends.*


# Profile (FROM PAGE THREE)

teaching.

Although her teaching career started at Thomas Jefferson Middle School and at the Clairton Elementary and Middle Schools, Spadaro spent the majority of her career at Ringgold High School.

She also spent a number of years teaching voice classes in the theater department at California University of Pennsylvania, as well as the Pittsburgh CLO. In addition, she can be found directing the church choir at Pine Run Methodist in Clairton.

Spadaro was nominated for the award by Kerrie Beechler Obert, director of Medical Arts/Speech Pathologist at The Ohio State University Voice & Swallowing Disorders Clinic.

"Although Esther is unknown in most other parts of the world, she has used the figures to make a tremendous difference in the lives of each and every student who has come through her program," Obert said.

"I had the pleasure of seeing her choir perform a few summers ago ,and the joy on their faces was as evident as the qualities in which they were performing."

Kimberly Steinhauer, president of Vocal Innovations, LLC, and a close friend of Spadaro, was instrumental in getting Spadaro to Boulder, as she is not fond of flying or the kind of recognition that comes with an award such as the ELAA.

After convincing her she was really needed at the symposium, Steinhauer was able to get Spadaro to attend, without actually telling her she was going to be presented with an award.

"I didn't even know they had an award to be honest with you," Spadaro said. "When they announced the award, it didn't hit me until I heard my name. I was honestly very surprised. In that room, there was such a brain thrust of such bright and talented people - research people, performers, scientists. You can't imagine what it's like; it's such a privilege being a part of this system."

Steinhauer, who was also present at the award ceremony, knew the award was a long time coming.

"Her fabulous choral music program from Ringgold was showcased at many of the Estill courses I produced in and around Pittsburgh," Steinhauer said. "Her leadership, dedication, and caring for the vocal education of her students was evident in the beautiful and moving performances."

Spadaro had many different ways of incorporating the methods in her years teaching at Ringgold, including the many vocal competitions her students entered (and won), their annual Madrigal Dinners where the students not only dressed in costume – but performed all of the music completely a cappella, spring musicals, and show choirs.

She was also innovative in the different lessons and performances she took on, according to many of her peers. One of the most courageous tasks was taking on the challenge of placing high school students in the opera Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian-Carlo Menotti in 2004.

Although Spadaro credits the Estill methods with getting such young performers to perform such a mature work, without Spadaro's ambition and belief in her students, the opera would have never come together.

"I love innovation and I feel I did a lot of innovative things because I trusted the kids were capable of doing it – and they were," Spadaro explained. "I was never afraid of them failing."

Although Spadaro has not been quite as active as she has in the past, since retiring from full-time teaching, she is still one of the best examples of how the Estill methods can be worked into every day choral teaching, according to her peers, such as Helen Tiller of the Department of Drama at Flinders University in South Australia.

"I had the pleasure of hearing her choir sing while in Pittsburgh," Tiller said. "She has been quietly on the sidelines, loyally carrying out her mission to teach the Estill work for many years now."

For those expecting her to stop carrying out Estill's methods anytime soon, they would be happily mistaken.

"I like walking on the path, I love the journey – I love getting there," Spadaro said. "That's what [Estill] gave to me; she gave me the tools to keep me going along the path."

NEWS

## TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 15

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2009. There are 107 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight**

On Sept. 15, 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, where he was greeted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The two leaders then met at the White House; a joint communique afterward described the talks as "friendly and frank."

**On this date:**

■ In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

■ In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

■ In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found not guilty of treason.

■ In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

■ In 1949, "The Lone Ranger" premiered on ABC television with Clayton Moore as the masked hero and Jay Silverheels as Tonto.

■ In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

■ In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.

■ **Ten years ago**: One month after being charged in the United States with laundering suspected drug payoffs, Mexico's former top drug prosecutor, Mario Ruiz Massieu, was found dead in his New Jersey apartment, an apparent suicide.

■ **Five years ago**: Three Americans were found guilty in Kabul of torturing Afghans in a private jail and were sentenced to prison. (Edward Caraballo, a freelance cameraman, was released in May 2006; Brent Bennett was freed in Sept. 2006; Jack Idema, a former Green Beret, was pardoned in June 2007.)

■ **One year ago**: On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 504.48, or 4.42 percent, to 10,917.51 while oil closed below $100 a barrel for the first time in six months amid upheaval in the financial industry as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection and Merrill Lynch & Co. was sold to Bank of America.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 87. Actor Forrest Compton is 84. Comedian Norm Crosby is 82. Actor Henry Darrow is 76. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 71. Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin Olsen is 69. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 64. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 64. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 63. Movie director Oliver Stone is 63. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (Night Ranger) is 57. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 49. Football Hall-of-Famer Dan Marino is 48. Actor Danny Nucci is 41. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 40. Actor Josh Charles is 38. Singer Ivette Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 33. Pop-rock musician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 31. Actor Dave Annable is 30. Actress Amy Davidson is 30. Britain's Prince Henry of Wales is 25. TV personality Heidi Montag is 23.

*Associated Press*

**President Barack Obama, right, talks with former President Bill Clinton outside a restaurant in Greenwich Village in New York City on Monday, after Obama spoke about the financial crisis on Wall Street. Recognizing that many people see them as villains, the financial industry and big business groups are working to stop key elements of President Barack Obama's financial overhaul.**

# Big biz against financial overhaul

Financial industry is focusing on how the president's proposals to rein in Wall Street titans could ensnare virtually any business.

**By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS**
*Associated Press Writer*

WASHINGTON — Recognizing that many people see them as villains, the financial industry and big business groups working to stop key elements of President Barack Obama's financial overhaul are taking a new tack.

They're focusing on how the president's proposals to rein in Wall Street titans could ensnare virtually any business, including the mom-and-pop operations that most Americans deal with every day.

It's a tried-and-true strategy in Washington, akin to using the most sympathetic figures in a debate as human shields. Don't shoot at us, the argument seems to go, or you'll hit the people you really care about.

Creating a new agency to protect consumers from harmful financial products and practices wouldn't just affect financial firms, but "even your local florist or hardware store," says a radio ad released Monday by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which recently launched a Web site to kill the proposed office.

It's just one tactic the industry is using to fight Obama's financial overhaul proposals, but it helps explain why the effort promised by the president and top Democrats has faded into the background. Obama sought to revive his regulatory proposals in a speech Monday on Wall Street.

The initiative has been overtaken by politically difficult debates over health care and climate change on Capitol Hill, complicated by turf battles among the maze of agencies that would be affected, and — perhaps most significantly — fought relentlessly by a determined financial services lobby with a major assist from big business groups.

They say they share Obama's desire to protect consumers and revamp an outdated financial system whose vulnerabilities were laid painfully bare by last year's meltdown, but argue that many of the Democrats' ideas for doing so would lead to overregulation, additional costs for consumers and a stifling of legitimate business practices.

"The administration and Congress are trying to go after Wall Street, but what's actually happening is they're creating rules that are hurting Main Street," said Thomas Quaadman at the Chamber's Center for Capital Markets. "If we're talking about a financial crisis that needs to be addressed, we don't disagree with that, but when you start talking about additional industries that have nothing to do with the financial services industry, why do they need to be part of that additional regulation?"

# Baucus plan may leave Dems cold

**By ERICA WERNER**
*Associated Press Writer*

WASHINGTON — Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus has been trying for months to write a health care bill that could win Republican support. If he succeeds he may find it's fellow Democrats he has to worry about.

Baucus, D-Mont., said Monday that "we're getting very close" to finalizing sweeping health legislation to enact President Barack Obama's priorities of extending coverage to most of the 50 million uninsured and holding down spiraling health care costs.

Following weeks of closed-door negotiations with two other Democratic senators and three Republicans, Baucus plans to unveil his bill Wednesday, and he hopes Republicans are with him.

Such a bargain could mark a turning point for Obama's top domestic priority.

At the same time, Baucus said the bipartisan talks could continue even as his Finance panel begins its formal bill-drafting and voting session next week. The negotiators were scheduled to meet again today.

"It's not just tomorrow or the next day," said Baucus. "We're going to keep working."

That work will have to include nailing down support from the Democrats on his committee who haven't been involved in the negotiating sessions. Several of them offered criticism after a closed-door meeting with Baucus Monday night.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he was concerned not enough financial help was being provided to help lower-income people buy coverage.

A plan to offer tax subsidies only after a family has spent 13 percent of their income on health care costs could leave some shouldering hefty tabs, Wyden said.

"I personally think there's a lot of heavy lifting still to do," Wyden said.

More generous subsidies would mean a more expensive bill — something Republicans oppose.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said he thought some of the fees Baucus intends to level on sectors of the medical industry to pay for the bill were excessive, though he declined to say which ones.

"It's a starting point. I have differences still," Kerry said, adding that he thought the Senate would pass a good health bill in the end.

The negotiators pared the cost of their 10-year coverage plan to under $880 billion, and also reported progress Monday on several issues, including health insurance for the poor, restrictions on federal funding for abortions, a verification system to prevent illegal immigrants from getting benefits, and ways to encourage alternatives to malpractice lawsuits.

The three Republicans involved in the talks — Mike Enzi of Wyoming, Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Olympia Snowe of Maine — are under intense pressure from leaders of their own party, some of whom have publicly dismissed Baucus' framework as a Democrat's plan.

# Charleroi woman injured in attack by two pit bulls

Susan Turkovich was walking her dog when the pit bulls attacked early Sunday evening.

**By CHRIS BUCKLEY**
*Staff Writer*
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A Charleroi woman was attacked by a pair of pit bulls as she walked her dog in the borough 6 p.m. Sunday evening, police reported.

Susan Turkovich told police she was walking her dog in the 700 block of Eighth Street when the animals came out of a residence at 710 Eighth St.

According to police, one of the dogs, a white pit bull, bit her left bicep and hung on. When she became free, Turkovich jumped into the bed of a pickup truck that was parked in an alley until someone came to get the dog.

"I picked my dog up by the leash and the one other dog latched onto my left arm," Turkovich said. "I swung my arm with all the strength I had and he flew off."

A neighbor came out to assist Turkovich, helping the victim out of the truck and calling police.

Turkovich was treated at Monongahela Valley Hospital, receiving several stitches to her arm.

The woman said she started screaming her dog's name when two pit bulls attacked.

"They were on my in a split second," Turkovich said. "I had no chance."

The dog was taken into custody by an animal control officer.

According to police, the owner of dog, David Blades, told police he did not have paper work verifying the 1-year-old dog had proper shots, nor a proper license.

# Diocese of Greensburg launches $45 million fund-raising campaign

The Diocese of Greensburg on Monday announced a $45 million fundraising campaign designed to increase scholarships to Catholic school students, improve Catholic education, educate priests and deacons, and renovate schools and other buildings in the diocese's four-county area.

Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt said the Roman Catholic diocese has received $19 million in donations and pledges.

"The bandwagon has wheels on it. It is rolling," Brandt said.

The diocese, which serves Westmoreland, Fayette, Indiana and Armstrong counties, relied on a grassroots effort to raise the money. The bishop said 9,000 parishioners, as well as parish priests, have been involved in the process.

In August, Brandt issued a pastoral letter outlining a "master plan" for the diocese.

"We have already begun in many cases to implement plans in the strategic planning process," he said. "We must give financial legs to what we have identified as our priorities."

They include:

■ $5 million in scholarship aid for Catholic school tuition for the diocese's 3,800 students.

■ $4 million to help aid the pension fund for the diocese's 31 retired priests.

■ $3.5 million for an evangelization and faith formation endowment fund.

■ $3.5 million for capital projects.

■ $3 million for Catholic Charities, the primary social service arm of the diocese.

■ $1.5 million for maintaining the diocese's 15 elementary schools.

■ $1 million to help educate priests and deacons.

■ $1 million for the education of lay ministers.

■ $4.5 million for a maintenance fund for the repair and maintenance of churches and other diocese buildings.

Among the immediate capital projects planned are renovations to a home for retired priests.

## 'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Monday's game.

Lottery officials said 58 players matched four numbers and won $262 each; 2,182 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 28,153 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

## The Valley Independent Lottery Results

**PENNSYLVANIA** — DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

| | |
|---|---|
| DAY PICK 3: | 8-4-5 |
| NIGHT PICK 3: | 3-0-8 |
| DAY PICK BIG 4: | 2-4-9-1 |
| NIGHT PICK BIG 4: | 6-7-1-1 |
| DAY QUINTO: | 8-8-5-0-8 |
| NIGHT QUINTO: | 3-1-6-0-3 |
| TREASURE HUNT: | 1-4-10-15-25 |
| CASH 5: | 7-13-18-30-43 |
| MIX & MATCH: | 6-18-4-16-17 |

**OHIO** — DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

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| DAY PICK 3: | 3-9-4 |
| NIGHT PICK 3: | 5-2-4 |
| DAY PICK 4: | 2-0-9-0 |
| NIGHT PICK 4: | 0-5-4-3 |
| ROLLING CASH 5: | 12-14-18-26-31 |
| CLASSIC LOTTO: | 2-12-14-31-43-45 |

**WEST VIRGINIA** — DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

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| DAILY 4: | 4-7-4-3 |
| CASH 25: | 3-4-5-6-16-19 |

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## OUR OPINION

# Help your neighbors through United Way

**THE UNITED WAY** of Mon Valley has kicked off its latest fund drive with the realistic theory that the current economy is not conducive to raising record amounts of money for charitable causes.

So the organization, which provides vital social services to residents of the Mid-Mon Valley, kept the goal for this year's campaign at $350,000 — the same goal that was established for the 2008-2009 campaign.

Executive director Phil Sparacella and campaign coordinator Pam Messina are optimistic the results of the current drive will mirror what happened last year, when the goal was exceeded.

Sparacella said his optimism about the current campaign is based on the fact that long-time donors have been the sustaining force behind recent United Way drives, especially with the downturn in the economy in the past few years.

Messina also is optimistic, but for a different reason.

"A lot of people are talking about poor economic times, but I'm thinking this is when the people in the Valley step up," she said. "It seems like when things get bad, that's when they do more, so I'm encouraged this year for our campaign."

It's important that area residents understand how the services provided by various United Way agencies are to the continuing quality of life in the region.

So Sparacella, Messina and more than a few volunteers are planning to get out the word through a series of meetings with employees of various local firms.

That aspect of the campaign is essential because local employer donations accounted for 84 percent of all the money collected last year — one of the highest turnouts in the campaign's history, according to Messina.

We hope area residents who can afford to do so respond with much-needed contributions.

They can do that safe in the knowledge that their contributions will remain here in the Mid-Mon Valley to help finance the services needed by area residents on a daily basis.

*Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.*

# Health reform should include diabetes 'war'

Morton **KONDRACKE**

It would be entirely fitting for Congress to rekindle the "war on cancer" in response to the death of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., but another disease worthy of a war is diabetes.

Cancer kills more people each year — 560,000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, compared with 233,600 for diabetes and its complications.

But the CDC estimates that the diabetes figures are hugely underreported and that the actual numbers may be 65 percent higher, or 386,000.

Kennedy's death from glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer, is one reason for a renewed attack on cancer.

But, as Gina Kolata pointed out in an illuminating article in The New York Times, Kennedy called for a cancer war months before President Richard Nixon declared it in his 1971 State of the Union message.

Kennedy advocated a larger research budget than Nixon's and enhanced status for the National Cancer Institute — ideas Nixon agreed to support as long as Kennedy's name was not on the bill.

Kennedy agreed, and Nixon signed a cancer bill in December 1971. Cancer has received one of the largest budgets at the National Institutes of Health ever since, but clearly it is still not conquered.

The reason for a war on diabetes is that, like some cancers, Type 2 diabetes — the most prevalent type — is heavily a "lifestyle disease" resulting from overeating and lack of activity. Therefore, it's preventable.

(Type 1, or juvenile diabetes, occurs when the body's own immune system attacks the pancreatic cells that produce insulin, the hormone that processes glucose.)

Diabetes can result in ghastly consequences for its 24 million victims, including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, amputations and nervous system disease, and it is hugely expensive to the economy.

The CDC estimated the national cost of diabetes in 2007 at $174 billion, including $116 billion in medical expenditures and $58 billion in lost productivity.

According to a 2007 study by the policy research firm Mathematica, the federal government spent nearly $80 billion of that, 12 percent of all federal health spending.

Yet, Mathematica found, 19 different federal agencies spent only $3.9 billion on disease-prevention or health-promotion activities with some impact on diabetes.

If a "war on diabetes" were declared, it ought to begin with a war on obesity, the epidemic most responsible for rising incidence of Type 2 diabetes among both adults and, increasingly, children.

In 1980, the CDC estimated that 47 percent of U.S. adults were overweight. In 2006, it was an astounding 66 percent, and 34 percent were obese — 72 million people.

Insurance companies and employers have developed incentives for workers to lose weight and become fit, such as insurance-premium reductions or paid-for gym memberships, but fighting obesity ought to be a major focus of health care reform.

David Snow, CEO of the pharmaceutical distributor Medco, recommends that the government run TV ads to promote healthy lifestyles akin to its fried-egg "your brain on drugs" ads or Smokey Bear anti-forest-fire spots.

I'd go further — pushing videos in school health classes showing diabetes amputees and kidney-disease victims the way drivers' ed classes used to scare kids with car-wreck films.

Conservatives will surely scream "nanny state" at such moves, but the fact is, obesity costs — as much as 27 percent of recent increases in national health spending, according to health analyst Kenneth Thorpe.

Beyond combating obesity, there's a need for better diabetes screening in government health programs. Medicaid and Medicare ought to adopt the kind of intensive disease-management techniques that many insurance plans employ.

Many plans hire contractors employing nurses to routinely check on patients' blood sugar levels and monitor complications — and pay doctors to prevent complications, not just treat them.

There's increasingly a role for technology. The computer chip maker Intel has deployed a series of home monitoring and communications devices, but it is stymied by Food and Drug Administration regulations from going as far as it could.

In Asia, for instance, cell phones are equipped with glucose-testing kits that transmit data to a monitor. Here, the FDA would have to reapprove such a device every time its technology was updated.

How much of the government's $80 billion annual diabetes outlay — expected to triple by 2020 — could be saved by intensive prevention and management? It's a disputed point.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates costs and savings only within a 10-year "window," whereas chronic-disease management probably would show results over a longer period.

A new study in the journal Health Affairs estimated that what amounts to a "war" on diabetes, costing $800 million a year, would merely pay for itself over 25 years, not cut the actual costs to the government.

But such a war surely would prevent many strokes, heart attacks, leg amputations and kidney failures. It's hard to believe that wouldn't save money, too.

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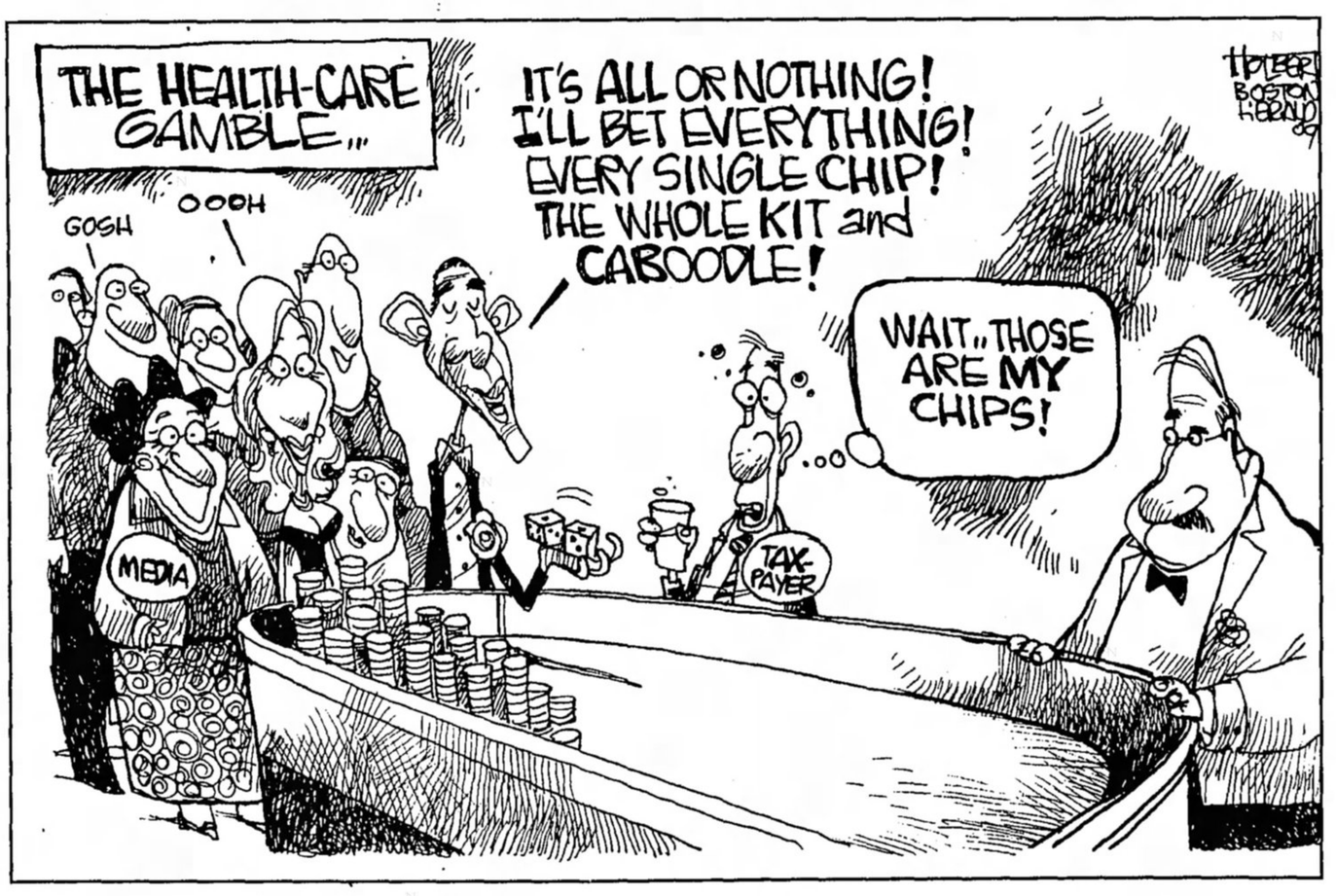


## YOUR OPINION

# Personal care homes need closer inspection

**To the Editor:**

I think the time is long overdue for the state to conduct and investigation of nursing and personal care homes.

I have proof that the care being given is often substandard.

I know of a case where a man was confined to a personal care home for one month and the poor care there may have cost him his life.

The man I am referring to acquired three large bed sores on his buttocks that went all the way to the bone!

The personal care home was paid an additional $250 per month, besides the standard fee, to change the man's diaper and keep him clean so that he wouldn't develop any bed sores. Apparently they did not do this.

A few weeks after developing the bed sores, the man became so infected he died.

On his death certificate, as a cause of death was the bed sores.

It's a shame. This poor man was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War and had to die that way.

Better care in the personal care home could have prevented this tragedy.

A lawsuit against the personal care home is pending.

The shame of all of this is it won't bring the elderly gentleman back.

I wonder how many other people were abused in that same personal care home.

Should the ultimate goal of personal care and nursing homes be how big a profit you can acquire or that of taking care of their residents?

**Ken Zaydel Sr.**
**Monongahela**

# Are state casinos on a winning or losing streak?

## GUEST EDITORIAL

Pennsylvania's nascent slot-machine industry has hit a rough patch — five of the seven casinos opened for at least one year saw revenues fall in August. Chances are, this is only the beginning.

Nationwide, the gaming industry is reeling, having been hurt by the recession and a precipitous drop in spending by consumers.

Some casinos, such as Stations Casinos and Fontainebleu Las Vegas, have been forced into bankruptcy protection. Others, such as Harrah's Entertainment and MGM Mirage, have had to restructure their debt in order to continue to operate.

The Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut, which was flush with cash just a few years ago, is now $2.3 billion in debt, with its ownership — the Mashantucket Pequot tribe — in turmoil.

Revenue is down at Foxwoods, one of the largest casino resorts in the U.S., as well as at the Mohegan Sun casino, a nearby competitor.

Competition from the Mohegan Sun and that of nearby states, including Pennsylvania, has served to be Foxwoods' undoing. The recession made matters worse.

Foxwoods' financial difficulties may cause some fallout in Philadelphia, where the Pequot tribe has put up $30 million to operate a slots parlor on the Delaware River.

Pennsylvania gaming regulators have given the tribe six months to come up with a new financing plan, leaving the future of the project very much in doubt.

Gambling, it seems, is losing its luster.

Not surprisingly, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board looks at its numbers differently.

On Wednesday, the officials reported a 20 percent jump in revenues — $187 million vs. $156 million — at nine casinos around the state.

But two of the casinos — Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem and Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh — have been open less than a year.

Without those two, the revenue for August would have fallen to $151 million, a loss of 3.5 percent.

Of the seven casinos opened for a full year, only the Penn National Racescourse in Grantville and The Meadows Racetrack and Casino, near Pittsburgh, posted gains for the month.

With consumers reluctant to spend money, and joblessness at its highest numbers in decades, gambling is looking less and less like a sure bet.

Some good can come of this — an end to the silly talk of adding table games in Pennsylvania.

After all, if Pennsylvanians don't have the money to spend on slots, they don't have it for poker, craps, roulette or any other game guaranteed to take their money.

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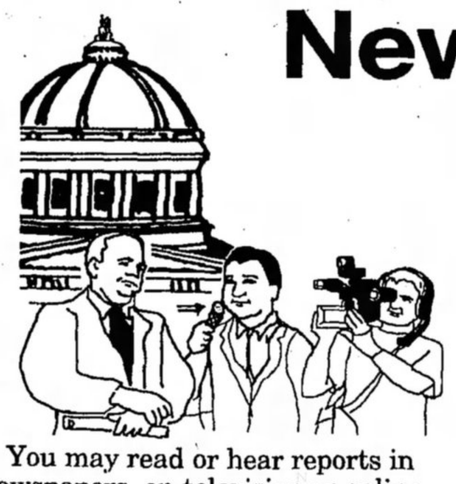
## Be an Informed Citizen

# News You Can Use



You may read or hear reports in newspapers, on television or online about our government. The news **media**, or different news sources, have reporters who research and follow what our leaders are doing.

We celebrate Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, along with Citizenship Day on Sept. 17. In 1787, 12 states voted in favor of the proposed U.S. Constitution. This document, approved in 1789, is a set of basic laws that organizes our government.

This week, The Mini Page looks at the First Amendment and why news coverage about government is so important to citizens.

Image courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol

This painting by Howard Chandler Christy is called "Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States." It shows George Washington standing on the small stage. Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin and James Madison are directly in front of him.

The signing took place at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

### The First Amendment

In 1791, the Constitution was **amended**, or changed, with the Bill of Rights. These first 10 amendments added some important ideas to the laws of the country.

The First Amendment reads:

**"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of *religion*, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of *speech*, or of the *press*, or the right of the people to peaceably *assemble*, and to *petition* the Government for a redress of grievances."**

### What does it mean?

- **Freedom of religion: Congress cannot pass a law setting up a religion that everyone must follow. You are free to worship as you please.**
- **Freedom of speech: You are free to speak out and give your side of things. Others are free to listen. However, there are some limits. You can't shout "fire" in a crowded room when there is no fire.**
- **Freedom of the press: Members of the press do not have to get what they are planning to print or say approved by the government beforehand. They are free to print what they wish as long as it is not a deliberate lie.**
- **Freedom of assembly: You are free to meet peacefully.**
- **Freedom of petition: You are free to ask the government to correct things that you think are wrong.**

## Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are saying the Pledge of Allegiance. See if you can find:

- man in the moon
- number 3
- ruler
- sailboat
- doughnut
- key
- three cats
- book
- caterpillar
- sock
- coffeepot
- bell
- pencil
- letter A
- tooth
- letter E
- number 7
- word MINI
- kite
- safety pin
- heart

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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe

### Creamy Fruit Salad

**You'll need:**

- 1/2 cup chopped strawberries
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/2 cup halved green grapes
- 1 small (3-ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 cup whipped topping

**What to do:**

1. Combine strawberries, blueberries, grapes and oranges in a medium bowl.
2. Add honey and mix well.
3. Add the whipped topping by gently folding the fruit over the topping until well mixed.
4. Refrigerate and serve chilled.

*You will need an adult's help with this recipe.*

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## Meet Carter and Austin

photo by Kirsty Griffin, courtesy 20th Century Fox

Austin Butler (left) and Carter Jenkins

Carter Jenkins stars as Tom Pearson and Austin Butler stars as Jake Pearson in the movie "Aliens in the Attic."

Carter, 18, was born in Tampa, Fla. He began performing in his community theater when he was 7. He then appeared in commercials. He has been in several TV shows and movies, including "Bad News Bears." He enjoys baseball, basketball and football.

Austin, 18, was born in Anaheim, Calif. He has appeared in several TV shows, including "Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide," "Zoey 101" and "iCarly." He also has acted in commercials. He enjoys playing the guitar and piano.

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## Gus Goodsport's Report

### Supersport: Mark Buehrle

**Height: 6-2** **Birthdate: 3-23-79**
**Weight: 230** **Hometown: St. Charles, Mo.**

As pitching performances go, it was the perfect masterpiece. Against the high-scoring Tampa Bay Rays on July 23, Chicago White Sox lefty Mark Buehrle pitched a perfect game. Twenty-seven batters up. Twenty-seven batters down. No hits. No runs. No men on base.

To put that feat in perspective, only 18 players in major league baseball history have pitched a perfect game. Buehrle also is just one of six players to hurl both a no-hitter — which he did in 2007 — and a perfect game.

The 30-year-old veteran can thank centerfielder DeWayne Wise, who made a leaping, juggling catch to rob a Tampa Bay batter of a home run in the ninth inning.

After his artful effort, the modest Buehrle was almost overwhelmed by the attention. One congratulatory phone call came from President Barack Obama, a White Sox fan.

# Early Newspapers

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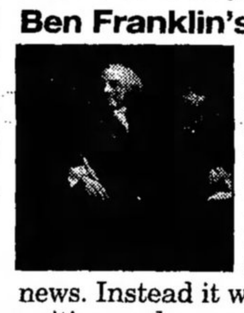
### America's first paper

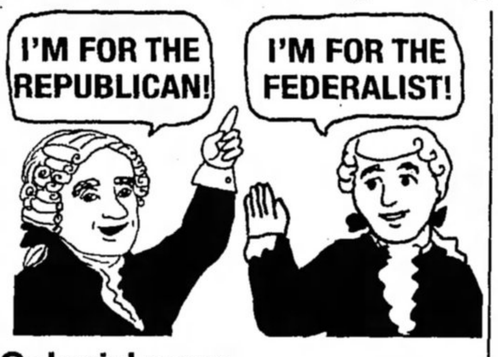
About 100 years before the Constitution was approved, the first newspaper in America was published in Boston in 1690. It was called *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign* (in other countries) *and Domestick* (at home).

However, the governor and council didn't approve of the three-page newspaper. They said *Publick Occurrences* could not publish without permission from the government. It was closed after just one edition.

### Ben Franklin's paper



Benjamin Franklin began publishing *The Pennsylvania Gazette* in about 1730. However, this early newspaper didn't have much news. Instead it was filled with funny writing and essays, along with ads.




### Colonial news

In the 1700s, newspapers were more like newsletters or essays. They were not very balanced. Instead, the writers were **partisan**, or loyal to one side or another. These early papers were called "revolutionary tracts."

The writing in papers of the 1700s and early 1800s often attacked members of **rival**, or competing, groups. But the papers were popular. More than 200 newspapers were published in the U.S. by 1800.

### Why a free press?

Our country's Founding Fathers included freedom of the press in the Bill of Rights with citizens in mind. They wanted journalists to be **parallel**, or even with, members of the government. This way, the media could keep an eye on what government was doing and report it to the people.

### Protecting people and laws

In the early 1900s, "watchdog journalism"* became more common. Magazines and newspapers looked at problems with city governments and with industries such as railroads and food processing.

The problems they discovered often led to new laws. For example, laws were passed to make factories safer for workers. Others allowed more people to participate in government.

***Journalism is gathering and producing news and other reports for media.**

# Be a Smart News Consumer

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### How is news reported?

Over the years, newspapers, radio, television, the Internet and other media have become important tools for people to find out what government is up to.

Reporters for news agencies are usually assigned a **beat**, or a regular subject area to follow. For example, Jack Journalist might be assigned to cover city government.

Jack starts by building trust between himself and people in city government. He spends a lot of time at city hall. Soon, the mayor and his staff see that Jack is a good reporter. They share information with Jack that he can use to develop stories about city government.

Jack can also compare what is going on in the city with the campaign promises of the mayor and others. He can study other cities that have similar problems.

A beat reporter also learns how to look at records that are available to the public. These might include reports of money that was given to a candidate for office or rulings from the courts.

**Next week, The Mini Page learns all about punctuation.**

### Choose your news

Today, we have many ways to follow the news. Some families get a newspaper delivered to their home every day or every week. Others may read local newspapers on the Internet.

National newspapers, such as *USA Today*, give an overview of news all across the country.

You and your family might watch the local news on television. The major TV networks also have news shows in the morning and evening.

**Almost 30 years ago, a cable TV channel began offering news about government and other subjects 24 hours a day. Today, CNN and other news channels such as FOX News and MSNBC give us instant news updates.**

### What is trust?

It's important for **consumers**, or users, of the news to decide whom they trust.

What does trust mean? If you trust someone, it means you are confident that you can count on that person to be fair and honest. You can also trust a company or an organization.

### Variety is important

Experts suggest that just as eating a variety of foods is important, kids and adults should look at different media for news about government.

If you're interested in a certain news story, you could search on Google News to see how different media organizations cover the subject.

Consumers should not just read or watch the news. They should think about how it's presented.

Examining the news today will help you become a better news consumer as you get older.

### Citizen journalism

A new type of reporting is called **citizen journalism**. This includes blogs and Web sites that are written by individual people, rather than news organizations.

Experts say blogs are a lot like the tracts that people distributed during the early days of the United States. They are mostly **opinion**, or what the writer thinks about a certain subject. But a few blogs have been able to uncover interesting stories before traditional media found out about them.

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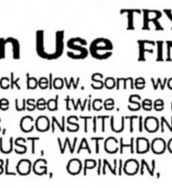
## Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

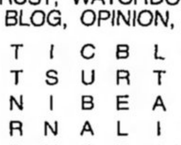
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Baldwin:** What did the father buffalo say when it started to get cloudy?
**Baker:** "Bye, sun"!

**Barnard:** What event do buffaloes recognize every 200 years?
**Bambi:** The bisontennial!



**Ballard:** What is the opposite of a buffalo?
**Bailey:** A buffa-high!



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## Basset Brown The News Hound's News You Can Use TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the news are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: MEDIA, CITIZENSHIP, NEWSPAPER, CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT, FREEDOM, BEAT, PARTISAN, TRUST, WATCHDOG, JOURNALISM, TELEVISION, READ, INTERNET, BLOG, OPINION, CONSUMER, REPORT.

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## Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for Web sites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/kidspost/orbit/kidspost.html
- www.nick.com/all_nick/tv_supersites/nick_news/
- www.newseum.org/newsmania/

At the library:

- "The Young Journalist's Book: How to Write and Produce Your Own Newspaper" by Nancy Bentley
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# Flu season survival guide

The illness is striking early this year, with swine flu causing public panic.

**By LAURAN NEERGAARD**
*AP Medical Writer*

WASHINGTON — Flu season's in full swing two months early this year — and nearly all the cases are the new swine flu strain that so far is targeting mostly children and younger adults.

That doesn't mean older people are off the hook. They sometimes catch swine flu. Also, we could see a one-two punch when regular flu strains start circulating as the weather gets colder. You probably won't know which kind you have. Very few people will get the specialized testing to tell. That doesn't matter — treatment's the same for both.

Here are answers to some questions about what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts will be a busy and long flu season.

**Q:** Where's the vaccine, and how many shots will I need?

**A:** Many people will need to line up twice. One vaccine protects against regular winter flu, and that vaccine's available now. A separate vaccine to protect against swine flu — the 2009 H1N1 strain — will arrive in October. It appears that adults will need one dose of that vaccine; dose studies are under way in children to see if they'll need a booster.

**Q:** Why couldn't both kinds be put into one shot?

**A:** Bad timing. Swine flu didn't burst onto the scene until April, after manufacturers had already begun brewing this fall's regular flu vaccine and too late to add into that mix.

**Q:** How does swine flu compare to regular flu strains?

**A:** So far it doesn't seem any more deadly than regular flu, which kills 36,000 Americans a year and hospitalizes 200,000. But swine flu does sicken the young much more frequently than the old, and it spreads very easily, especially in crowded schools. A University of Washington study found the typical sick school student infects two to three classmates — so keep sick kids at home.

Associated Press

**Lon Morris College freshman LaQuadium Forman wears a face mask after the school administration distributed them in Jacksonville, Texas, last week. Officials say the college was taking health precautions after more than 30 students were treated for flu-like symptoms in one day.**

The sad reality: You can be contagious up to 24 hours before you show symptoms, one reason flu spreads so easily.

**Q:** Who's at highest risk of severe illness or even death?

**A:** Children under 5. Pregnant women. People 65 or older. And people of any age with asthma or other lung disorders; diabetes; heart, kidney, liver or blood disorders; neurodevelopmental disorders such as cerebral palsy; or a weakened immune system.

**Q:** I think I had swine flu over the summer. Do I still need the vaccine?

**A:** Yes, says CDC flu specialist Dr. Anne Schuchat. Other viruses mimic flu so it's hard to be sure what you had.

**Q:** How does swine flu affect children, and what symptoms should prompt a race to the pediatrician?

**A:** Symptoms are the same regardless of age: Fever, aches, cough, sore throat, sneezing or runny nose, sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

The CDC says to seek immediate care if a child has difficulty breathing or is breathing fast, turns bluish, isn't drinking enough fluids, has severe vomiting, is hard to wake up or lethargic, or is so irritable the child doesn't want to be held.

Also seek care if the fever breaks and then later returns, sign of a possible bacterial infection.

**Q:** What are emergency signs for an adult?

**A:** Difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest of abdomen, dizziness, confusion, severe vomiting or a rebound fever.

**Q:** Won't I or my child need those anti-flu medicines, Tamiflu or Relenza?

**A:** No, most won't, stresses CDC's Schuchat. Most people will recover with rest and fluids — don't get dehydrated.

But people at high risk should make a plan with their doctor now, before they're sick, Schuchat advises. They may need Tamiflu within the first 48 hours of symptoms, and some doctors may agree to an advance prescription if they promise to call with symptoms — saving time and exposing others in the waiting room.

**Q:** How long should sick kids stay out of school or day care?

**A:** For 24 hours after the fever breaks naturally, not because of fever-reducing medicine. And never give a child aspirin, only non-aspirin fever reducers. For a child under 5, ask a doctor first about type and dose.

You're considered more contagious while feverish. But children especially can be contagious for over a week, so doctors say use common sense — stay home if you're still sick after the fever breaks.

**Q:** Is it true that not everyone gets a fever?

**A:** Yes. There are no good estimates although the CDC thinks it's not too common.

**Q:** Someone's sick in my office. How long until I know if I caught it?

**A:** Up to a week.

**Q:** Do I have an obligation to notify my friends or employer if I or my child get sick?

**A:** "Of course you tell your friends," especially if you've been around someone who's at high risk, says Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University. Treat flu like any other easy-to-spread illness. Families normally tell the school and playmates when a child gets strep throat, for example. Employers must weigh privacy requirements but certainly can advise that flu has hit the office.

**Q:** Can you catch flu from the flu shot? You hear people say," I was sick the day after the shot!"

**A:** No, it's biologically impossible for a flu shot to give you influenza; it's made with a dead virus. But the flu shot won't prevent a cold or other flu-like viruses, causing some confusion.

**Q:** But what if I hate shots?

**A:** There's FluMist, the squirt-in-your nose vaccine, available for people ages 2 to 49.

**Q:** What if I have asthma?

**A:** Any flu can worsen asthma attacks, warns CDC asthma specialist Dr. David Callahan. Children may be prescribed Tamiflu at the first symptoms, so call your doctor. Keep a good supply of regular asthma medicines, including "rescue" inhalers for asthma attacks, on hand.

**Q:** What if I have diabetes?

**A:** Flu can increase a diabetic's blood sugar, so test frequently and call your doctor about adjusting insulin or other medications, said CDC diabetes specialist Dr. Ann Albright. Keep a two-week supply of regular medication. Stay hydrated. And check your ketone levels.

**Q:** My child was told to bring hand sanitizer to school and use it regularly. Is there any concern with that?

**A:** Nope, says the CDC. It shouldn't be more drying to skin than soap. Just keep the whole bottle away from toddlers who might try to swallow it.

**Q:** Why isn't everybody tested?

**A:** Rapid tests just tell if you have flu, not which strain, and aren't always accurate. More sophisticated testing takes too long to be practical. The CDC does enough testing to teli what strains are circulating where but for the average person it doesn't matter — flu's flu.

## Who needs which flu vaccine?

Who needs vaccine against regular winter flu, and who should be first in line for the swine flu shot? There's lots of overlap.

Regular flu vaccine is available now, and people who need it most include:

- Adults 50 and older.
- All children age 6 months to 18 years.
- Pregnant women.
- People of any age with chronic health problems like asthma, heart disease or a weakened immune system.
- Health workers.
- Caregivers to the high-risk, including babies younger than 6 months.

Don't like shots? There's a nasal spray version of the vaccine, called FluMist, available for people ages 2 to 49.

Once the swine flu vaccine starts arriving next month, the government says first in line will be:

- Pregnant women.
- The young, from age 6 months up through age 24.
- Health workers.
- Younger and middle-aged adults with those chronic health conditions.

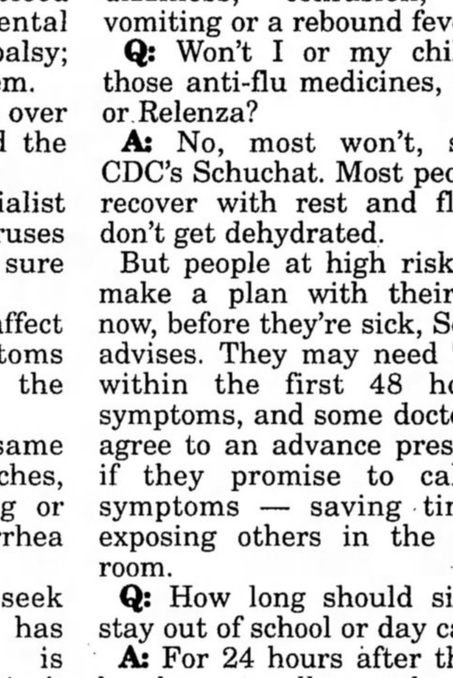
# CBS' Smith may have swine flu

NEW YORK (AP) — "Early show" host Harry Smith has taken a sick day from work, telling viewers he thinks he has swine flu.

In an interview live from his New York City apartment Monday, Smith told CBS viewers he started feeling achy and feverish over the weekend after a 25-mile bike ride in the rain and dancing all night at a birthday party.

"Early Show" medical correspondent Dr. Jennifer Ashton says Smith could be right because his symptoms are associated with swine flu. She praised him for staying home and out of circulation.

Ashton says most swine flu cases are mild. She predicted Smith will be back on the "Early Show" couch in a couple of days. Symptoms of swine flu can include fever, cough, congestion, aches, chills, diarrhea and vomiting.



**Harry Smith**

# Studies: Illness spreads long after fever stops

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When the coughing stops is probably a better sign of when a swine flu patient is no longer contagious, experts said after seeing new research that suggests the virus can still spread many days after a fever goes away.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been telling people to stay home from work and school and avoid contact with others until a day after their fever breaks. The new research suggests they may need to be careful for longer — especially at home where the risk of spreading the germ is highest.

Swine flu also appears to be contagious longer than ordinary seasonal flu, several experts said.

"This study shows you're not contagious for a day or two. You're probably contagious for about a week," said Gaston De Serres, a scientist at the Institute of Public Health in Quebec.

He presented one of the studies Monday at an American Society for Microbiology conference. It is the first big meeting of infectious disease experts since last spring's emergence of swine flu, which now accounts for nearly all of the flu cases in the United States. More than 1 million Americans have been infected and nearly 600 have died from it, the CDC estimates.

It is unclear whether the new research will lead the CDC to rethink its advice on how long people with swine flu should hole up. Long breaks from school and work do not seem worth it for a virus that now seems to cause mostly mild illness, said the CDC's flu chief, Nancy Cox. Swine flu is spreading so widely now that confining the sick does less good, she said.

"We tried to have our guidance balance out all of these factors," she said. "It's just virtually impossible not to have virus introduced into settings such as schools and universities."

Doctors know that people can spread ordinary seasonal flu for a couple of days before and after symptoms start by studying virus that patients shed in mucus. The first such studies of swine flu are just coming out now, and they imply a longer contagious period for the novel bug.

"It's probably realistic that this virus sheds much longer than seasonal flu," said Dr. Jonathan McCullers, an infectious diseases specialist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Three reports suggest this is so. De Serres and other researchers in Canada took nose and throat swabs from 43 patients with lab-confirmed flu and dozens of other sick family members.

# MVH sets weekly schedule

Monongahela Valley Hospital will offer the following programs next week:

- Sept. 21 — Cancer Support Group, 7 p.m., Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. This support group is free and open to all cancer patients and their families. For additional information, call (724) 258-1704.
- Sept. 22 — Understanding Your Diabetes Meal Plan, 6 p.m., education conference center. Builds on the education received in the Managing Your Diabetes program. Learn more about food choices, dining out, and how your eating habits affect your blood glucose control. Prerequisite: Must have attended the Managing Your Diabetes education program. Advanced registration is required to attend. Contact the Center for Diabetes at (724) 258-1483 for more information and to register.
- Sept. 23 — Innovations in Chronic Kidney Disease, 1 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. Board certified Nephrologist Shirley Dopson, D.O. and a team of health care professionals will present a free program designed to recognize the risk factors for chronic kidney disease and discuss the newest methods of treatment. This program is part of MVH's Innovations series featuring physician guest speakers providing medical information to the community. Refreshments will be served. Call (724) 258-1234 for registration or more information.
- Sept. 23 — Prostate Cancer Screening and Education Program, 5:30 p.m., education conference center. The prostate cancer screening and education program is free. At the screening, men will be offered a digital rectal exam (DRE), the standard test for prostate cancer; a stool blood test and a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test. The screening and education program will be conducted by staff from the MVH Medical Staff and Regional Cancer Center. For more information, call (724) 258-1234.
- Sept. 23 — Understanding Your Blood Sugar Readings, 6 p.m., education conference center. Learn how to 'make sense' out of all those blood sugar readings you document. Understand how your diet, medications, illness, and stress affect your blood sugars. Prerequisite: Must have attended the Managing Your Diabetes education program. Advanced registration is required to attend. Contact the Center for Diabetes at (724) 258-1483 for more information and to register.
- Sept. 24 — Public First Aid Instruction, 6 p.m., education conference center. Adult first aid classes are offered by the hospital in conjunction with Valley Health and Safety Training Center. The $25 fee is payable to VHSTC and advance registration is required at (724) 684-9536.
- Sept. 24 — Understanding Your Diabetes Medications, 6 p.m., education conference center. Gain a better understanding of how your diabetes medications work and learn the effects diabetes medications have on your blood sugar readings. Prerequisite: Must have attended the Managing Your Diabetes education program. Advanced registration is required to attend. Contact the Center for Diabetes at (724) 258-1483 for more information and to register.
- Sept. 26 — Multiphasic Blood Analysis, 7 to 10 a.m., education conference center. 40-panel blood screening for only $20. Testing will take place in the community room on the lower level of the hospital's Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. The Multiphasic Blood Analysis is open to the public. Testing is by appointment only and registrations are being accepted at (724) 258-1282, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to provide the full name and complete address of the physician to whom the test results will be sent.

**Thrilling wins for Patriots, Chargers**

Monday Night Football kicked off with a pair of memorable comebacks. **2B**

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**Pirates lose in L.A.**

Andre Ethier's tiebreaking home run pushed the Dodgers past the Pirates Monday night. **2B**

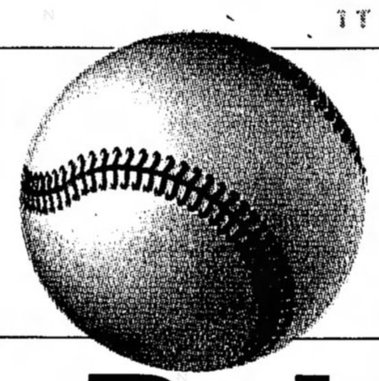


**BVA's streak over**

The Lady Leps still haven't lost a section game since Oct. 3, 2005, but their winning streak ended Monday with a tie against Southmoreland. **2B**

**Sports Trivia**

Who is the only Chicago Bears coach to win more than 100 games over the last 40 years? **2B**



**Last night's scores**

Cincinnati 3, Houston 1
Chicago Cubs 2, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 11, Florida 6
Arizona 4, San Diego 2, 10 innings
San Francisco 9, Colorado 1

Brian **HERMAN**

## Sever races to point crown

With an 0-2 record, Yough High's football team hasn't been enjoying the season.

The same can't be said for Matt Sever.

Following contrasting home losses to Elizabeth Forward (14-3) and Chartiers Valley (54-0), Sever — a 6-2, 245-pound senior center and defensive tackle for the Cougars — had enough time the same nights to race at Motordrome Speedway in nearby Smithton and win the super compact point title.

Sever held a 68-point lead over Larry Dunmyer when a scrimmage with Ringgold and the two non-conference games interfered with his racing season.

Sever got a little assist when the threat of inclement weather postponed the first of the final three racing nights.

"The rainout helped because I didn't lose any points that night," said Sever. "If I wouldn't have showed up the other nights, I would have lost."

After the football season opener, Sever entered the feature five laps down and placed 14th. Pro wrestler Andres Suarez won a photo finish over close friend Gene Zerfoss, with Bill Schwartz third and Dunmyer fourth.

On the final night, Sever started 17th and came in third behind Dunmyer and Zerfoss.

Sever played only the first half of the ugly loss to the Colts since Yough trailed 41-0 at intermission.

Winning the point title was the last thing on Sever's mind when he started the season.

"I intended on quitting before the football season," he said.

Sever finished with nine feature wins and 989 points to beat out Dunmyer, who had five feature wins, by 33 points. Zerfoss was a distant third with 930 points.

Sever was one of three first-time point champs at Motordrome, joining Dink Colarusso and Matt Gardner.

Colarusso took the street stocks with 1,004 points and 10 feature victories. Jonathan Hileman came in second with 921 points.

Gardner topped the chargers field with 950 points, 35 ahead of Tracy Keller. Both won four features.

Despite winning only two features, Mark Cottone won the late model title for the third time with 968 points, 55 ahead of Barry Awtey and 56 ahead of Mark Poole.

Neil Brown took nine features, but collected only 720 points to place eighth.

Adam Kostelnik was the modified champ for the sixth straight year with 981 points, 75 ahead of Bobby Shipp. Kostelnik took eight features and Shipp four.

■ And thanks to Joe Stringhill, of Lynnwood, who says freeway driving is like a shower or bath — one wrong turn and you are in hot water!

# No surgery for Polamalu

Rest should heal injured knee: the news is worse for Chicago's Urlacher.

**By ALAN ROBINSON**
*AP Sports Writer*

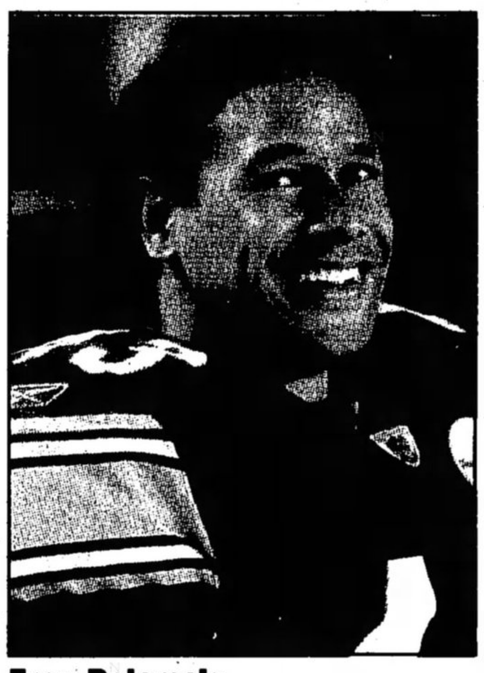
PITTSBURGH — This might be the first time Troy Polamalu is happy to hear that an injury will keep him out from three to six weeks.

Polamalu realizes his injury could be much worse. Maybe even Brian Urlacher-like worse.

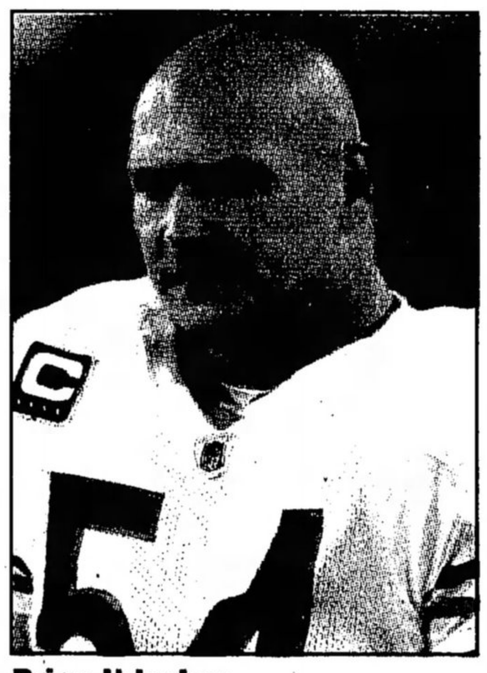
The two-time All-Pro safety doesn't need surgery to repair the tear in his left medical collateral ligament that occurred during a scramble for the ball on a blocked-field goal attempt Thursday against Tennessee. Coach Mike Tomlin's preliminary estimate of how long Polamalu will be out also hasn't changed.

"Regarding an injury to the knee, this is the best-case scenario," Polamalu said as the Steelers returned to practice on Monday. "There's no question that I'm very blessed that this scenario has come about rather than any worse scenario."

For now, Polamalu will rest, and hope there are no complications in his recovery — just as there weren't when he needed only three weeks to return from a sprained left knee in 2007.



**Troy Polamalu**



**Brian Urlacher**

Still, Polamalu's injury means the Steelers (1-0) and Bears (0-1) will be without two of the NFL's best defensive players Sunday in Chicago. Urlacher dislocated his right wrist Sunday night against Green Bay and is out for the season.

No matter how long Polamalu is sidelined, his absence will be a setback for what was the NFL's best defense the last two seasons. Polamalu's ability to adjust positions from play to play, his speed and his ability to be a pass rusher and pass defender makes him one of the NFL's most versatile players.

"We're going to miss him. There's only one Troy, not just on this team but in the whole NFL," Steelers safety Ryan Clark said. "There's plays he can make that nobody else can make. I would be foolish to say to you guys (reporters) it won't be different without him, and you guys would be just as foolish to print it."

Polamalu was injured when Titans tight end Alge Crumpler fell on him after Aaron Smith blocked a Rob Bironas field-goal attempt in the second quarter. Asked if it was normal to be on special teams, Polamalu said, "Our defense is always (out on a field goal attempt), our whole defense."

Polamalu will be replaced by Tyrone Carter, who is in his ninth season and sixth with Pittsburgh, partly because he can fill in at both safety positions. Carter made five starts in 2007 when Polamalu last hurt his knee.

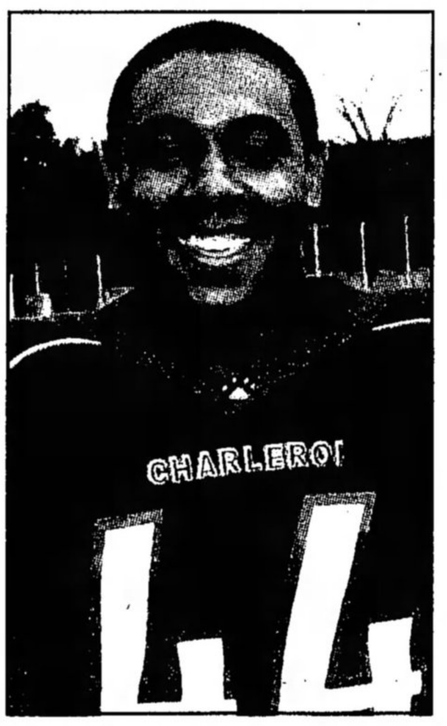
Outside linebacker LaMarr Woodley will be surprised if defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau makes numerous changes to adjust to being without Polamalu, who had six tackles and an interception in less than a half against Tennessee.

"I think we'll continue to do what we've been doing," Woodley said. "We don't want to change up everything because then we're not that same physical defense that we've always been. Troy's definitely a good player, and we've lost a good player for a few weeks, but the guy behind him is going to step up and do an excellent job as well."

Even if Polamalu sits out only three games, he'll miss playing against the Bears (0-1), the 2008 AFC West champion Chargers, plus AFC Central rival Cincinnati (0-1).

"Troy's the best safety in football and, when you lose a guy like that, it's hard," Clark said.

# Charleroi's Briggs Player of the Week



**Quentin Briggs**

Running back's 135 yards and 3 touchdowns all came in the first half.

**By BRIAN HERMAN**
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East Allegheny didn't get to see much of Charleoi sophomore Quentin Briggs.

It's a good thing.

Running the ball only in the first half against the Wildcats, Briggs still piled up 135 yards on 11 carries and scored three touchdowns in the Cougars' 41-8 romp.

With that showing Briggs is *The Valley Independent's* Player of the Week.

Briggs scored on short runs of 2 and 10 yards in the first quarter and a 68-yarder in the second period.

If he doesn't get injured, Briggs — a 5-10, 205 -pounder — has a shot of joining Darrel Harding in the 4,000-yard club.

Honorable mention:

■ Charleroi's Demetri Edwards, who opened the game with a 95-yard kick return.

■ Ringgold's Bob Bracken, who ran for 138 yards in the Rams' 31-28 win at Albert Gallatin.

■ Ringgold's Nick McPherson, who caught a pair of touchdown passes against the Colonials.

■ Belle Vernon Area's Matt Green, who ran for 103 yards on six carries with touchdowns of 36 and 27 yards and caught a 48-yard touchdown pass for the game's first score in a 49-0 rout at Southmoreland.

■ Belle Vernon Area's Kevin McNeil, who carried four times for 60 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

■ Frazier's Jimmy Kline, who completed eight of 15 passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 84 yards and another score in the Commodores' 34-14 victory over Mapletown.

■ Frazier's Chase Kirmeyer, who ran for 93 yards on 17 carries and one touchdown.

■ California's D,J. Martinak, who scored touchdowns on an 89-kick return and a 45-yard run in the Trojans' 45-13 loss to Serra.

■ Bentworth's Ben Gregg, who completed eight of 156 passes for 183 yards and one touchdown in the Bearcats' 27-21 loss to Geibel.

■ Elizabeth Forward's Greg Sotereanos, who ran 19 times for 100 yards in the Warriors' 26-7 win over Laurel Highlands.

■ Elizabeth Forward's Nick DeBaldo, who completed five of nine passes for 84 yards and two touchdowns.

# Federer stunned in U.S. Open final

Juan Martin del Potro pulls off major upset.

**By EDDIE PELLS**
*AP National Writer*

NEW YORK — Roger Federer sat in his sideline chair, listening to the music, gazing into the distance — the glassy-eyed look of a defeated man.

Shocked.

The owner of the most Grand Slam titles in history — maybe the best player of all time — finally lost at the U.S. Open, but not to Rafael Nadal, Andy Roddick or even Andy Murray.

Rather, it was sixth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro, the 6-foot-6 Argentine with the big serve and the bigger forehand, who did the deed — a 3-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 upset Monday in his first Grand Slam final.

"It's difficult to explain this moment," del Potro said.

Inexplicable.

That's another way to describe the loss of the top-seeded, top-ranked player, who was two points away from victory in the fourth set in windy Arthur Ashe Stadium but couldn't get his serve to click and had no answer for del Potro's forehand, or his tactically superior game plan.

Thus ended a streak of 40 straight wins for Federer at Flushing Meadows and the quest to become the first person to win six straight titles at America's Grand Slam since Bill Tilden in the 1920s.

"Five was great. Four was great, too," Federer said. "Six would have been a dream, too. Can't have them all."

Federer beat everyone who got thrown at him in his five straight U.S. Open final victories: Roddick, Murray, Andre Agassi, Lleyton Hewitt, Novak Djokovic. Big hitters, finesse players, young kids, old men. Everyone. Until he met up with the kid from Tandil, nine days away from his 21st birthday, who had big plans growing up back on those courts at home.

"When I would have a dream, it was to win the U.S. Open, and the other one is to be like Roger," del Potro said. "One is done."

How did he do it?

It started with 37 forehand winners — many hit with such blunt crispness, smack in the middle of the strings, that it sounded more like the cracking of a coconut than the striking of a tennis ball.

With the forehand working, del Potro saw no need to ramp up a serve that can reach into the 130s. Instead, he simply spun it in, got himself into a rally, then waited for his chance to strike.

Federer, meanwhile, couldn't get his first serve on track. He got only 50 percent into play after averaging about 66 percent through his first six matches.

That gave him few easy points, and as the strain built up, it became more than only physical. A staunch critic of the review system used in tennis, he lashed out at the umpire during a changeover for allowing del Potro to challenge a call well after the point was over.

"Don't tell me to be quiet, OK? When I want to talk, I talk. I don't give a ... what he said," Federer said in a profanity-punctuated exchange picked up by the TV microphone.

It wasn't exactly the Serena Williams tirade that overtook this tournament during a wild weekend of tennis that spilled into Monday — one that also featured new mom Kim Clijsters returning to the sport to win the women's title.

*Associated Press*

**Juan Martin del Potro reacts during Monday's victory over Roger Federer.**

SPORTS

# Mt. Lebanon blanks Ringgold

By BILL HUGHES
*For The Valley Independent*

CARROLL TOWNSHIP — Mt. Lebanon may have lost six starters from last year's WPIAL girl's soccer championship team, but plenty of talent still remains.

The Lady Blue Devils scored a goal early Monday night and one late in a 2-0 shutout of Ringgold.

Despite the loss, Ringgold coach Tom Cameron was happy with what he saw.

"This is the best game we have played all year," he said. "I am very happy with the effort of our girls and hopefully they now realize that we can play with teams that are as good as Mt. Lebanon."

Caroline Pryor took a pass from Colleen Carlos 6:37 into the contest and scored to give the guests the only goal they would need.

The play was designed, according to Mt. Lebanon coach Jeff Holiday.

"We played the ball to the corner and centered it," he said. "Out centerfielder made a slashing move."

Holiday said one of his goals is to control the first 10 minutes of each contest.

"It usually takes 10 minutes for things to settle down," he said. "Our goal is to take the lead and control things from there."

Until Audrey Cillo iced the game with a goal off of an assist from Becky Ward with 3:56 remaining, Ringgold had hoped to tie the contest.

But the Lady Rams (2-4, 0-2) never got a shot at goalie Emma Pellicano.

"We weren't able to get one at her," Cameron said. "We were sagging back and hoping to get two or three good chances at shots, but it never happened."

Holiday said his team strives to limit opponents' chances.

"Some teams don't get shots off on us," he said. "And the teams that do, they don't get good shots. That is because of our organizational skills on the field."

So what does Holiday see happening for his defending champions (3-1, 2-0)?

"I hope teams think we lost six starters, including two Division I players, and think that we are down," he said. "Maybe we will surprise them."

Cameron was gracious in defeat but excited about his team.

"We battled and never gave up to a very good team," he said. "We have a few adjustments to make but the playoffs are still the goal."

Ringgold is at West Mifflin Thursday in a Class AAA Section 5 tilt.

# Late TD beats Raiders

## Sproles scores with 18 seconds left to help Chargers avoid upset.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Raiders had just pulled ahead when LaDainian Tomlinson pulled his Chargers teammates together by the bench and told them they were going to win this game.

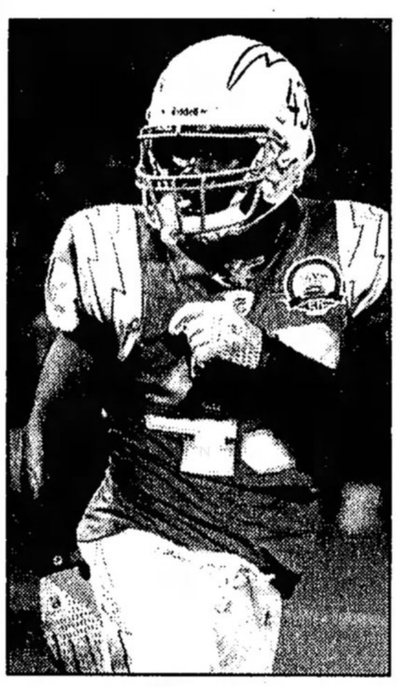
Philip Rivers got in the huddle and said the same thing. Coach Norv Turner instructed his players not to panic. San Diego had practiced the 2-minute drill so many times in recent months, they all knew it wasn't over.

Rivers answered a pair of go-ahead scores from Oakland by leading two touchdown drives and Darren Sproles scored the game-winner on a 5-yard run with 18 seconds left to give the Chargers their 12th straight victory over the Raiders, 24-20 Monday night.

"L.T. came over and said, 'We're going to win this football game,'" right tackle Jeromey Clary said.

"That kind of got us going again," Sproles said.

JaMarcus Russell had given Oakland a 20-17 lead with a 57-yard touchdown pass to rookie Louis Murphy with 2:34 left. Despite having two backup linemen in the game because of injuries and nobody in reserve, Rivers calmly led the Chargers down the field for the winning touchdown.



**Darren Sproles**

"One thing I know is no team in this league can practice 2-minute situations as much as we do," Rivers said. "It's a little different executing it on Murphy Canyon Road as it is in Oakland. ... I said: 'Well, we've done this a million times, let's go score. All we need is three.'"

Rivers was 6 for 7 for 79 yards on the winning drive before Sproles silenced the rowdy, sellout Coliseum crowd with his run up the middle — sending the Raiders to their 11th straight loss in prime time.

Offensive lineman Cornell Green revealed Oakland's extreme frustration with an expletive-laden outburst as he left the field, screaming all the way to the locker room that the Chargers got lucky to win.

"Our football team played its guts out and didn't finish the game," coach Tom Cable said. "That's the bottom line."

The Raiders took a 13-10 lead early in the fourth quarter on a 35-yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski before Rivers drove the Chargers downfield and gave them the lead with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Vincent Jackson. Then Russell's fourth-down pass to Murphy looked as if it would provide an emphatic end to a pair of losing streaks. Instead, it was just a footnote to Oakland's league-worst 73rd loss since the start of the 2003 season.

The Chargers offense was overmatched for much of the night against newly acquired Richard Seymour and the Raiders defense. Injuries to center Nick Hardwick and guard Louis Vasquez in the third quarter made moving the ball even tougher for San Diego and Rivers was clearly affected. His penalty for taunting thwarted one drive.

But the last two series showed why the Chargers last month gave Rivers a six-year contract extension worth $93 million with $38 million guaranteed. He finished 24 for 36 for 252 yards, playing his best when it mattered most.

**New England 25, Buffalo 24**

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Back on center stage, Tom Brady acted like, well, the NFL's biggest star.

It seemed to take forever, though.

A year after being sidelined with torn knee ligaments, Brady resembled a rusty game manager more than the invincible record-setting quarterback who guided the Patriots to a perfect 2007 regular season. Yet, he threw two touchdown passes in the final 2:06 as New England beat the Buffalo Bills 25-24 on Monday night.

When the spotlight hit, Brady lived up to the advance billing.

"We have a real competitive locker room, a real competitive team," Brady said. "When you're in a situation like we were, it's when you really have to step it up. It takes every guy on the field to step it up. Hopefully, we will continue to do that."

But Brady needed help in the form of Leodis McKelvin's fumble on a kickoff return after the Patriots pulled within five points.

Placekicker Stephen Gostkowski, of all people, recovered at the Buffalo 31. Brady needed three plays before hitting Benjamin Watson over the middle for the decisive 16-yard touchdown with 50 seconds to go.

Just 1:16 earlier, he found Watson on a similar play for an 18-yard score. It was vintage Brady, who threw for a record 50 TDs two years ago in leading New England to a perfect record.

# Tie ends BVA's long section winning streak

By BILL HUGHES
*For The Valley Independent*

Their 46-game section winning streak may have ended Monday night, but the Belle Vernon Area Lady Leopards still have not lost a Class AAA Section 6 match since Oct. 3, 2005.

BVA (2-2-1, 1-0-1) returned from Southmoreland with a frustrating 1-1 deadlock that leaves the two teams tied for third place behind Yough and Connellsville.

"It was a hard-fought contest," BVA coach Paul Sasko said. "Either team could have won."

BVA scored first in the 75th minute when Kylee Heck tallied off a corner kick from Michelle Miele.

Then, in dramatic fashion, the hosts tied the contest with 49 seconds left.

The Lady Leps host Connellsville Thursday

**McGuffey 4, Charleroi 1**

Karlie Shriver scored all four goals in leading McGuffey to the Class AA Section 1 victory.

"We definitely need to play better,"coach Denver Byron said. "We play South Park Thursday and if we don't play better, we will be in for a very long night."

Shannon Flament scored for Charleroi (4-2, 1-1).

**Monessen 3, Carlynton 0**

The Lady Greyhounds eclipsed last year's win total with their exhibition victory.

Christina Lee made eight saves for the shutout.

Desiree Rice scored twice for Monessen (2-2) with Destiny Rice getting the other goal.

Monessen hosts Jeannette Wednesday.

**Canon McMillan 5, Elizabeth Forward 1**

Penn State recruit Taylor Schram scored two goals to lead the Lady Macs in the Class AAA Section 5 contest.

Jen Keisner scored for the Lady Warriors (1-3, 0-1), who head to Mt. Lebanon Thursday.

## SPORTS DIGEST

### BV Area golfers down Elizabeth

Belle Vernon Area High's unbeaten golf team downed Elizabeth Forward, 189-202, in a showdown of Division 1 leaders.

The Leps' Tyber Lustig took medalist honors with a four under par 32, one shot off the school record held by his younger brother, Bo.

BVA upped its overall record to 8-0.

Jeremy Moeller was low for Elizabeth (7-2) with a 37.

### BVA QB Club meeting tonight

The Belle Vernon Area Quarterback Club will meet today at 7 p.m. at the Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department at 10 Main Street in Belle Vernon.

Film of the Leps' win at Southmoreland will be shown.

### Final Monessen ticket sale set

A final Monessen High season football ticket sale will be held Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria.

Adult passes are $16 and senior passes are $8.

Parents of varsity football players, varsity cheerleaders nd varsity band members can purchase the tickets for half the adult price.

### Trivia answer

Mike Ditka with 112.

## SPORTS HISTORY

**30 Years Ago**

Franco Harris was the highest paid Pittsburgh Steeler at $250,000 a year followed by Jack Lambert at $200,000.

**20 Years Ago**

The Pittsburgh Penguins signed right wing Robbie Brown for two years and an option year after he scored 49 goals and 115 points playing primarily on a line with Mario Lemieux.

**10 Years Ago**

Terry Myshin scored two goals and added an assist in Monessen's 3-1 win over Belle Vernon Area.

Dave Seydor scored both goals in Belle Vernon Area's 4-2 loss to Mt. Pleasant.

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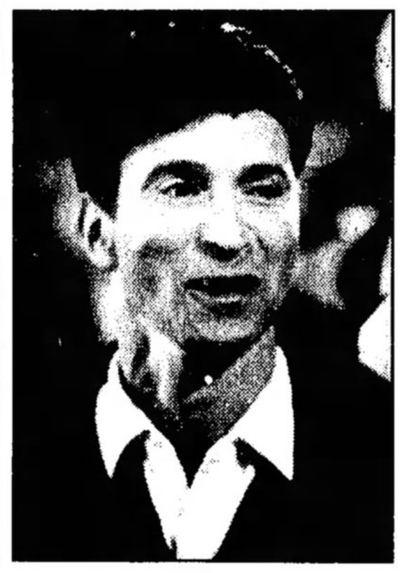

**Joe Ravasio was Ringgold's football coach in the late 1980s and early 1990s.**

# Dodgers top Bucs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While NL West rivals Colorado and San Francisco face off in a high-tension series up the California coast, the Los Angeles Dodgers are hoping to knock a few digits off their magic number while enjoying a slight letup in the September grind.

Andre Ethier hit a tiebreaking homer, Manny Ramirez had an early RBI double and the Dodgers opened their penultimate regular-season homestand with a 6-2 victory over the woeful Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

Jon Garland (10-11) persevered through six rocky innings to remain unbeaten since joining Los Angeles last month, winning the NL leaders' first of seven games in 15 days against the Pirates.

In fact, 10 of Los Angeles' final 18 games are against last-place clubs Pittsburgh and Washington, putting the Dodgers in prime position for their race with St. Louis and Philadelphia for the NL's best record.

The Pirates ended a 13-game road losing streak with a win at Houston on Sunday, but it's late in their 17th consecutive losing season.

Ramon Vazquez had an RBI double for the Pirates, who have lost 15 of 17.


SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE HEALTH MONTH

*Prostate Cancer Education Program and Screening*

*Wednesday, September 23, 2009*
*5:30 p.m.*

**Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center**

**FREE PROSTATE SCREENING includes an Exam and a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Blood Test**

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Members of the MVH Medical Staff will be available for the optional screening.

Call **724-258-1234** to register.
Advance registration is required.

Charles L. and Rose Sweeney-Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center

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# SPORTS

## Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 82 | 60 | .577 | — |
| Florida | 76 | 68 | .528 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 75 | 68 | .524 | 7 1/2 |
| New York | 63 | 81 | .438 | 20 |
| Washington | 50 | 93 | .350 | 32 1/2 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 85 | 60 | .586 | — |
| Chicago | 74 | 68 | .521 | 9 1/2 |
| Houston | 70 | 74 | .486 | 14 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 69 | 74 | .483 | 15 |
| Cincinnati | 65 | 79 | .451 | 19 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 55 | 87 | .387 | 28 1/2 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 86 | 59 | .593 | — |
| Colorado | 82 | 63 | .566 | 4 |
| San Francisco | 78 | 66 | .542 | 7 1/2 |
| San Diego | 65 | 80 | .448 | 21 |
| Arizona | 63 | 82 | .434 | 23 |

**Monday's Games**

Cincinnati 3, Houston 1
Chicago Cubs 2, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 11, Florida 6
Arizona 4, San Diego 2, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 9, Colorado 1

**Today's Games**

Washington (Mock 3-7) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 8-6) at Cincinnati (K.Wells 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Misch 1-2) at Atlanta (Hanson 9-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 12-11) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (West 6-5) at St. Louis (Wainwright 18-7), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (Haren 13-8) at San Diego (LeBlanc 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Duke 10-14) at L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 10-6), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 13-10) at San Francisco (Zito 9-12), 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 93 | 52 | .641 | — |
| Boston | 84 | 58 | .592 | 7 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 73 | 71 | .507 | 19 1/2 |
| Toronto | 65 | 79 | .451 | 27 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 58 | 85 | .406 | 34 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 77 | 66 | .538 | — |
| Minnesota | 72 | 72 | .500 | 5 1/2 |
| Chicago | 71 | 73 | .493 | 6 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 61 | 82 | .427 | 16 |
| Kansas City | 57 | 86 | .399 | 20 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 86 | 57 | .601 | — |
| Texas | 80 | 63 | .559 | 6 |
| Seattle | 74 | 70 | .514 | 12 1/2 |
| Oakland | 65 | 78 | .455 | 21 |

**Monday's Games**

N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Angels 3
Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 4
Detroit 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings
Oakland 9, Texas 0
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 3

**Today's Games**

Kansas City (Tejeda 2-1) at Detroit (Washburn 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-5) at Baltimore (Berken 4-11), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 14-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Mitre 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Lackey 10-7) at Boston (Matsuzaka 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Ed.Gonzalez 0-2) at Texas (McCarthy 7-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Carmona 3-10) at Minnesota (S.Baker 13-8), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garcia 1-2) at Seattle (Snell 4-2), 10:10 p.m.

## Pirates boxscore

| PITTSBURGH | ab | r | h | bi | LOS ANGELES | ab | r | h | bi |
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| AMcCt cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Furcal ss | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| AnLRc 3b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Kemp cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| GJones 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Ethier rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Doumit c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | MRmrz lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Milledg lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pierre lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moss rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Loney 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cedeno ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Blake 3b | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| RVazqz 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | RMartn c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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| Dumtrt p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Mntkw ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pearce ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Loretta ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SJcksn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kuo p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DBatst p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sherrill p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Btchck p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Thome ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Broxtn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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DP—Pittsburgh 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 7. 2B—G.Jones (16), R.Vazquez (7), M.Ramirez (21), R.Martin (18), O.Hudson 2 (33). HR—Ethier (29). SB—Furcal (7), Kemp (33).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pittsburgh** | | | | | | |
| D.McCutchen L,0-2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Karstens | 1-3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dumatrait | 2-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S.Jackson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| D.Bautista | 1-3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bootcheck | 2-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Los Angeles** | | | | | | |
| Garland W,10-11 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Kuo H,11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sherrill H,9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Broxton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

HBP—by D.McCutchen (Blake). WP—D.Bautista, Garland.
Umpires—Home, C.B. Bucknor; First, Mike Everitt; Second, Gerry Davis; Third, Brian Gorman.
T—3:22. A—42,045 (56,000).

## Frontier League playoffs

**Monday**

Lake Erie 6 Kalamazoo 2, Lake Erie wins series, 3-2

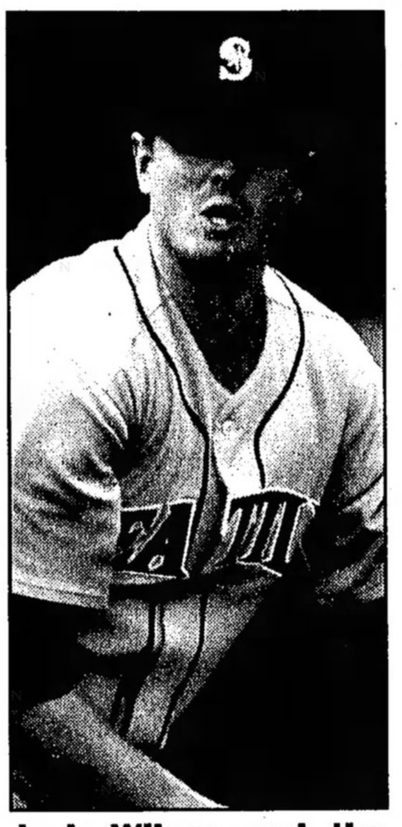
## Bowling

**Monessen Senior Center Standings**

John Petritis, 18-10; Lou AnnPetronick, 16-12; Ron Croushore, 19-9; Nello Tineri, 14-14; Harry Niccolai, 7-21; Ron Vivio, 9-18.

**High scores**

Kenny Zimmaro, 225-634; John Petritis, 214-616; Ron Croushore, 245-608; Lou Ann Petronick, 213-600; Harry Niccolai, 214-599; Mary Ann Tineri, 213-598; John Koval, 203-590; Bernie Veschio, 203-576; Mary Ann Gallo, 211-566; Ron Vivio, 209-564.



**Jack Wilson and the Seattle Mariners will host the White Sox at 10 p.m. on WGN.**

## Sports dial

**Today**

**Television**

2:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Manchester United vs Besiktas JK, soccer.
8 p.m. - Fox Sports - Olympique deMarseille vs AC Milan, soccer.
10 p.m. - WGN - Chicago White Sox at Seattle, baseball.

**Radio**

10:05 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.

## Boys' soccer standings

**Class AAA**
**Section 5**

| | League W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ringgold | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Canon-McMillan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Upper St. Clair | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Moon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Peters Township | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Trinity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

**Today**

Ringgold at Upper St. Clair
Peters Township at Moon
Trinity at Canon-McMillan

**Class AA**
**Section 3**

| | Sec. W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Park | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Belle Vernon Area | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Thomas Jefferson | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Elizabeth Forward | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Steel Valley | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Southmoreland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Yough | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Uniontown | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**Today**

Steel Valley at BV Area
South Park at Elizabeth Forward
Southmoreland at Yough
Unintown at Thomas Jefferson

**Class A**
**Section 1**

| | Sec. W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Geibel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Serra | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Grb. Central | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| California | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Winchester Thurs. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| South Allegheny | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Trinity Christian | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Brownsville | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**Monday**

Trinity Christian 1, Canevin 0

**Today**

Winchester Thurston at California
Serra at Grb. Central
South Alleghney at Brownsville
Trinity Christian at Geibel

**Section 4**

| | Sec. W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carlynton | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Charleroi | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Monessen | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| C-Houston | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Bentworth | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Beth-Center | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Brentwood | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

**Monday**

Beth-Center 3, Albert Gallatin 1
Bentwood 4, North Catholic 2

**Today**

Monessen at C-Houston
Charleroi at Bentworth
Carlynton at Beth-Center

## Girls' soccer standings

**Class AAA**
**Section 5**

| | League W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canon-McMillan | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Mt. Lebanon | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Upper St. Clair | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Trinity | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Elizabeth Forward | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Ringgold | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| West Mifflin | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

**Monday**

Mt. Lebanon 2, Ringgold 0
Canon-McMillan 5, Elizabeth Forward 1
Trinity 6, West Mifflin 0

**Section 6**

| | Sec. W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yough | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Connellsville | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Belle Vernon Area | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| S'moreland | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Uniontown | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Laurel Highlands | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Albert Gallatin | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Waynesburg | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**Monday**

BV Area 1, S'moreland 1
Yough 1, Waynesburg 0
Uniontown 4, Albert Gallatin 0
Connellsville 2, Laurel Highlands 0

**Class AA**
**Section 1**

| | Sec. W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Park | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| McGuffey | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| South Fayette | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Charleroi | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Beth-Center | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Bentworth | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| C-Houston | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**Monday**

South Park 10, Bentworth 0
McGuffey 4, Charleroi 1
South Fayette 9, C-Houston 1

**Section 6**

| | Sec. W | L | T | Overall W | L | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeannette | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Geibel | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Grb. Central | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| St. Joseph | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Monessen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| East Allegheny | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

**Monday**

Monessen 3, Carlynton 0
Mt. Pleasant 11, East Allegheny 0
Geibel 1, Grb. Central 0
Jeannette 2, St. Joseph 1

## Softball

**Mid-Mon Valley Rec League (Final)**

| | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Belle Vernon Presbys | 11 | 1 |
| Eldorado Lounge | 10 | 2 |
| Ben & Jerry's | 6 | 6 |
| Guardian Industries | 3 | 9 |
| Tri County Cyclones | 0 | 12 |

## Sports moves

**BASEBALL**

**Major League Baseball**

MLB—Suspended RHP Jose Dominguez (L.A. Dodgers) and OF Waldo Rosario (Tampa Bay) of the Dominican Summer League for 50 games apiece after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

**American League**

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Joe Smith and INF Grady Sizemore on the 15-day DL.

**National League**

CINCINNATI REDS—Activated OF Jay Bruce from the 15-day DL. Recalled INF-OF Juan Francisco from Louisville (IL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled RHP Ernesto Frieri and OF Luis Durango from San Antonio (Texas).

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Re-signed F James Singleton. Released G Greg Buckner.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

ATLANTA FALCONS—Re-signed RB Verron Haynes. Released CB Glenn Sharpe from the practice squad. Signed CB William Middleton to the practice squad.

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed TE Jonathan Stupar. Released WR Justin Jenkins.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with QB A.J. Feeley. Placed QB Josh McCown on injured reserve.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released RB DeDe Dorsey.

NEW YORK JETS—Waived CB Marquice Cole. Activated DE Shaun Ellis from the suspended list.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released DL William Joseph. Added DL Richard Seymour to the roster.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed QB Jeff Garcia.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released DE Derek Walker. Signed LB D.D. Lewis to a one-year contract.

## High school football

**Class AAA**
**Big Seven Conference**

| | League W | L | Overall W | L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belle Vernon Area | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Elizabeth Forward | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Thomas Jefferson | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| West Mifflin | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Chartiers Valley | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ringgold | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Trinity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

**Friday**

BV Area at Chartiers Valley
Trinity at Thomas Jefferson
West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward
Southmoreland at Ringgold

**Keystone Conference**

| | Con. W | L | Overall W | L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Gallatin | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Uniontown | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Greensburg Salem | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Yough | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Derry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Laurel Highlands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Southmoreland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

**Friday**

Yough at Laurel Highlands
Greensburg at Albert Gallatin
Uniontown at Derry
Southmoreland at Ringgold

**Class AA**
**Interstate Conference**

| | Con. W | L | Overall W | L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeannette | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Brownsville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Greensburg Central | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Washington | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Charleroi | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Waynesburg | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| McGuffey | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| South Allegheny | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| East Allegheny | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

**Friday**

Charleroi at Brownsville
McGuffey at East Allegheny
Washington at Grb. Central
Mt. Pleasant at Waynesburg
Jeannette at South Allegheny

**Class A**
**Tri-County South**

| | Con. W | L | Overall W | L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jefferson-Morgan | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| California | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Beth-Center | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Geibel | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Monessen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Carmichaels | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| West Greene | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Mapletown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

**Friday**

Mapletown at Monessen
Beth-Center at Carmichaels
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan
West Greene at California

**Black Hills Conference**

| | Con. W | L | Overall W | L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fort Cherry | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Chartiers-Houston | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Serra | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Bentworth | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Avella | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Frazier | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Clairton | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Burgettstown | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

**Friday**

Bentworth at Fort Cherry
C-Houston at Avella
Frazier at Clairton
Serra at Burgettstown

## High school football rankings

Pennsylvania high school football rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Sept. 14, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last week's ranking.

**CLASS AAAA**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Pittsburgh CC | (7) | 2-0 | 1 |
| 2. La Salle College | (12) | 2-0 | 2 |
| 3. Bishop McDevitt | (3) | 2-0 | 3 |
| 4. State College | (6) | 2-0 | 4 |
| 5. North Penn | (1) | 2-0 | 5 |
| 6. Gateway | (7) | 2-0 | 6 |
| 7. St. Josephs Prep | (12) | 2-0 | 7 |
| 8. McKeesport | (7) | 1-1 | 8 |
| 9. Downingtown West | (1) | 2-0 | 9 |
| 10. Neshaminy | (1) | 2-0 | 10 |

**Honorable mention**

Abington (1) 2-0, Bethel Park (7) 2-0, Cardinal OHara (12) 2-0, Central Dauphin (3) 2-0, Cumberland Valley (3) 1-1, McDowell (10) 2-0, North Allegheny (7) 2-0, Parkland (11) 2-0, Pennsbury (1) 2-0, Wilson (3) 1-1, Woodland Hills (7) 1-1.

**CLASS AAA**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Thomas Jefferson | (7) | 2-0 | 1 |
| 2. Selinsgrove | (4) | 2-0 | 2 |
| 3. Wilson Area | (11) | 2-0 | 3 |
| 4. Cathedral Prep | (10) | 1-1 | 4 |
| 5. Manheim Central | (3) | 2-0 | 5 |
| 6. Abington Heights | (2) | 2-0 | 6 |
| 7. Hopewell | (7) | 2-0 | 7 |
| 8. Pottsgrove | (1) | 2-0 | 8 |
| 9. Bayard Rustin | (1) | 2-0 | 9 |
| 10. Berwick | (2) | 2-0 | 10 |

**Honorable mention**

Allentown Central Catholic (11) 2-0, Chartiers Valley (7) 2-0, Strath Haven (1) 2-0, Strong Vincent (10) 1-1, Susquehanna Twp. (3) 2-0, Upper Moreland (1) 1-1, West York (3) 2-0.

**CLASS AA**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Lancaster Catholic | (3) | 2-0 | 2 |
| 2. Wilmington | (10) | 2-0 | 3 |
| 3. Beaver Falls | (7) | 2-0 | 4 |
| 4. Dunmore | (2) | 2-0 | 5 |
| 5. Keystone Oaks | (7) | 2-0 | 6 |
| 6. West Catholic | (12) | 2-0 | NR |
| 7. Martinsburg Central | (6) | 2-0 | 7 |
| 8. Montoursville | (4) | 2-0 | 8 |
| 9. Aliquippa | (7) | 2-0 | 9 |
| 10. General McLane | (10) | 2-0 | 10 |

**Honorable mention**

Honorable mention: Bok (12) 2-0, Brockway (9) 2-0, Jeannette (7) 2-0, Northern Lehigh (11) 1-1, Palisades (11) 2-0, Sto-Rox (7) 2-0.

**CLASS A**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Rochester | (7) | 2-0 | 1 |
| 2. Farrell | (10) | 2-0 | 2 |
| 3. Bishop McCort | (6) | 2-0 | 3 |
| 4. Southern Columbia | (4) | 1-1 | 4 |
| 5. Serra Catholic | (7) | 2-0 | 5 |
| 6. Laurel | (7) | 2-0 | 6 |
| 7. Clairton | (7) | 1-1 | 7 |
| 8. Steelton-Highspire | (3) | 1-1 | 8 |
| 9. Schuylkill Haven | (11) | 2-0 | NR |
| 10. Portage | (6) | 2-0 | 10 |

**Honorable mention**

Bellwood-Antis (6) 2-0, Bloomsburg (4) 2-0, Cameron County (9) 2-0, Old Forge (2) 2-0, South Side Beaver (7) 2-0, Springdale (7) 2-0.

## NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 25 | 24 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 24 | 7 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 24 | 25 |
| Miami | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 7 | 19 |

South

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indianapolis | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 14 | 12 |
| Houston | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 7 | 24 |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 12 | 14 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 13 |

North

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 38 | 24 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 | 10 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 7 | 12 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 20 | 34 |

West

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 24 | 20 |
| Denver | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 12 | 7 |
| Kansas City | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 24 | 38 |
| Oakland | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 20 | 24 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 23 | 17 |
| Dallas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 34 | 21 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 38 | 10 |
| Washington | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 17 | 23 |

South

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 45 | 27 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 19 | 7 |
| Carolina | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 38 |
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 21 | 34 |

North

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Green Bay | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 21 | 15 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 34 | 20 |
| Chicago | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 15 | 21 |
| Detroit | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 27 | 45 |

West

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 | 16 |
| Seattle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 28 | 0 |
| Arizona | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 16 | 20 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 28 |

**Monday's Games**

New England 25, Buffalo 24
San Diego 24, Oakland 20

**Sunday, Sept. 20**

Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 21**

Indianapolis at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

## Area golf

**At Willowbrook**

**Belle Vernon Area - 189**

Tyber Lustig, 32; Bo Lustig, 38; Tim Moore and Kirby Manown, 39; Kyle Naden, 41. Non-count - Brett Bishop, 41.

**Elizabeth Forward - 202**

Jeremy Moeller, 37; Tyler Tracy, Dan Altavilla and Bryce Plant, 41; Dylan Wassel, 42. Non-count: Chris Falibota, 49.

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Week 2
Games of Sept. 19-20

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| 3 | |
| 2 | |
| 1 | |

136 TOTAL POINTS

Name _____
Address _____
City, State (zip) _____
Day Phone ( ) _____
Night Phone ( ) _____

**HOW TO PLAY**

Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter.

To enter, fill out this form and return to the address at right.

LIMIT: You may enter only one coupon per week.

DEADLINE: **Noon Thursday**

TIEBREAKER 1 ☐ Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 ☐ Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

Carolina at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Green Bay
Oakland at Kansas City
New Orleans at Philadelphia
St Louis at Washington
Seattle at San Francisco
Cleveland at Denver
NY Giants at Dallas
Minnesota at Detroit
Arizona at Jacksonville
New England at NY Jets
Baltimore at San Diego
Houston at Tennessee
Tampa Bay at Buffalo
Pittsburgh at Chicago
Michigan St. at Notre Dame

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Tiffany Rocco
412-320-7803

**•••• POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES ••••**

1. Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 weekly points as you can. Simply review this week's schedule of games, read our entry form and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1 point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly contestant from among all participating newspapers who tallies the most of the 136 points will win $1000. Local prizes to be decided by newspapers.
2. Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
3. Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar sounding team names games.
4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
5. Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
6. Employees of the newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
7. Any enquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
8. No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest mailing to address above.
9. Weekly deadline for entry will be NOON Thursday except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
10. Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way or entries mis-directed or arriving postage due or for any claim or injury by contestants made in connection to any activity involved in entering contest. Entrants assume all liabilities.
11. Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant. "group" entries "systems" or other attempt to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

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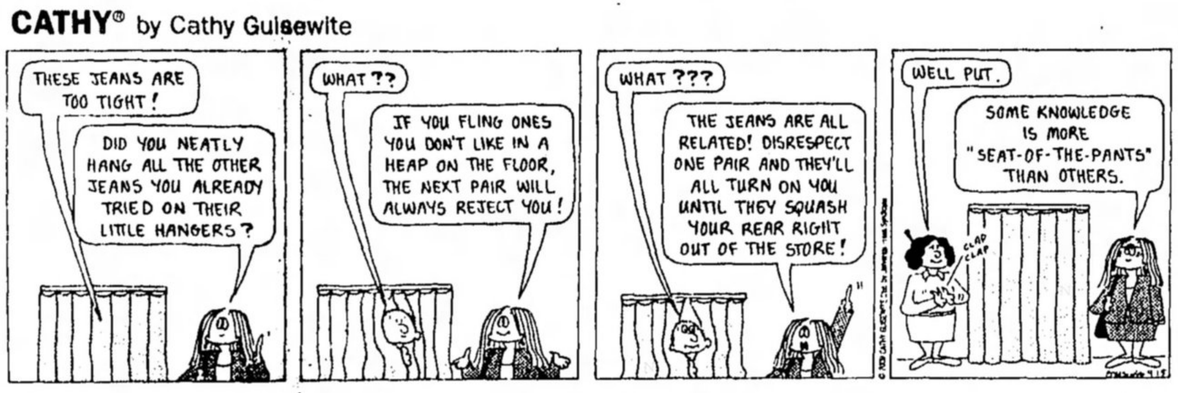
THESE JEANS ARE TOO TIGHT!
DID YOU NEATLY HANG ALL THE OTHER JEANS YOU ALREADY TRIED ON THEIR LITTLE HANGERS?
WHAT??
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WHAT???
THE JEANS ARE ALL RELATED! DISRESPECT ONE PAIR AND THEY'LL ALL TURN ON YOU UNTIL THEY SQUASH YOUR REAR RIGHT OUT OF THE STORE!
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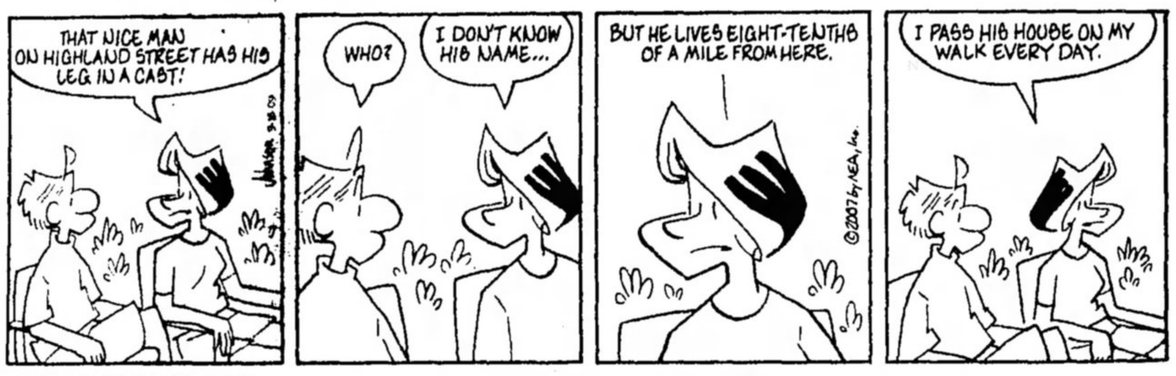
THAT NICE MAN ON HIGHLAND STREET HAS HIS LEG IN A CAST!
WHO?
I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME...
BUT HE LIVES EIGHT-TENTHS OF A MILE FROM HERE.
I PASS HIS HOUSE ON MY WALK EVERY DAY.

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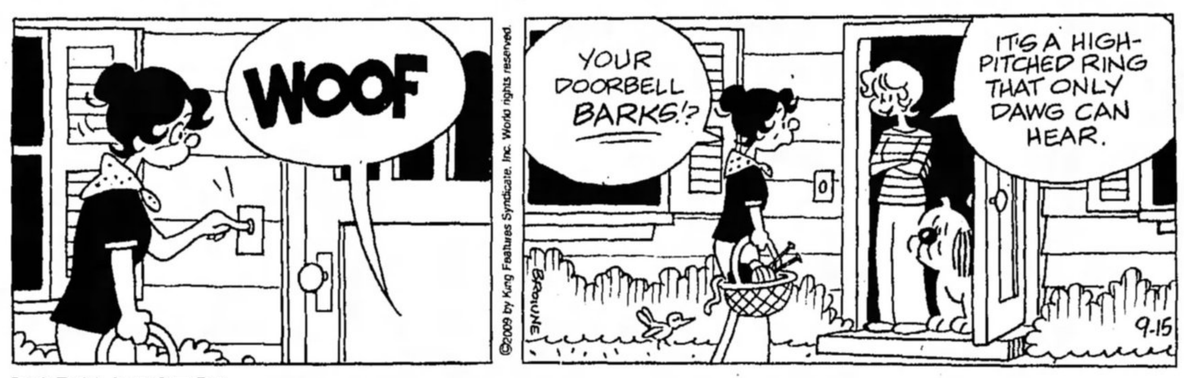


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WAIT! THAT DIDN'T COME OUT EXACTLY RIGHT!

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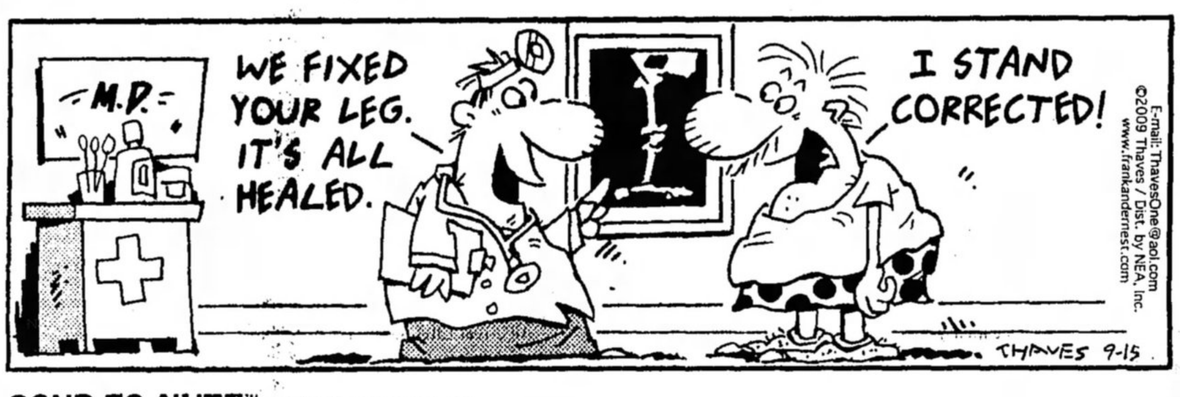


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I PUT GAS IN YOUR CAR
HOW MUCH DID YOU PUT IN?
IT'S NOT THE AMOUNT THAT COUNTS, DAD, IT'S THE THOUGHT
9-15
ACTUALLY, IT'S WHERE THE NEEDLE POINTS THAT REALLY COUNTS

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LOOKIT ALL THE MONEY IN THERE!
IT'S A WISHING FOUNTAIN.
A WHAT?
IT'S LIKE A WISHING WELL... MAKE A WISH AND THROW A COIN IN... THEN YOUR WISH COMES TRUE...
WHAT DO PEOPLE WISH FOR?
BIGGER POCKETS.

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"But the ceiling's clean!"

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I NEED A NICKNAME.
YEAH?
YEAH! OUR FORWARDS CALL THEMSELVES "STRIKE FORCE"! OUR DEFENDERS ARE "THE BEEFY D"!
AS OUR GOALKEEPER, I HAVE NO IDENTITY! I NEED A NICKNAME!
HOW ABOUT "PINHEAD"?
A SOCCER NICKNAME!
IT WORKS FOR SOCCER!
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G'NIGHT, MARK, G'NIGHT, SASSY...I HOPE WE CATCH A LOT OF FISH TOMORROW!
POW!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
ANOTHER RIFLE SHOT, AND THAT WAS CLOSE!
I'D BETTER FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
9-15
JACK ELROD

# SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

**Conceptis Sudoku** By Dave Green

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | 7 | 8 | 5 | | |
| 7 | | | 2 | | | 1 | 9 | |
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| | 4 | | | 3 | | | 7 | |
| | 6 | | 8 | | | 3 | | |
| | 9 | 4 | | | 2 | | | 8 |
| | | 5 | 3 | 8 | | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | 6 | | 9 |

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Difficulty Level ★★ 9/15

**Answer to previous puzzle**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 9 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| 1 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 |

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# THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Hang ten
5 Try on for size
8 Mekong native
11 Not in harbor
12 I, to Fritz
13 Emmy relative
15 Like 800 numbers
17 Happy tune
18 Get the point
19 School book
21 Assuaged
24 GP org.
25 Prior to, poetically
26 Like stupid!
27 Begin to grow
30 Cyclotron target
32 Home tel.
33 Frat-party orders
37 Synthesizer inventor
38 — for the books
39 Orchestra member
40 Meal
43 Mare's morsel
44 Kind of PC screen
47 Hosp. areas
48 Tears to bits
50 Grads
52 Unnaturally pale
53 Festive celebration
54 Pirate's wear (2 wds.)
59 Threshold
60 Drink with scones
61 Bamboo stalk
62 Denver hrs.
63 Shaggy ox of Tibet
64 Freight units

**DOWN**

1 Gathered dust
2 Bob Hope sponsor
3 Aunt or bro.
4 Tending to deceive
5 Dragon's breath
6 Finish a cake
7 Coffee holders
8 Kinks' tune
9 Stay
10 Tanker
14 Raison d'—
16 Some narcs
20 Paris water
21 Mild cheese
22 Parking lot sight
23 Drive away
24 Stadiums
28 Decorum
29 Sugar Ray stat
31 Exec
34 Black, in verse
35 Prod
36 Salon jobs
41 Long, long time
42 Ensnare
44 Dawdles
45 Miner's stake
46 Takes the edge off
49 Make laws
51 Fountain treat
52 Faint
55 Pro vote
56 Eastern philosophy
57 TV news source
58 "— So Shy"

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | S | N | A | C | K | | M | A | Y | A | N | S |
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| H | E | M | | | C | O | R | N | S | I | L | K |
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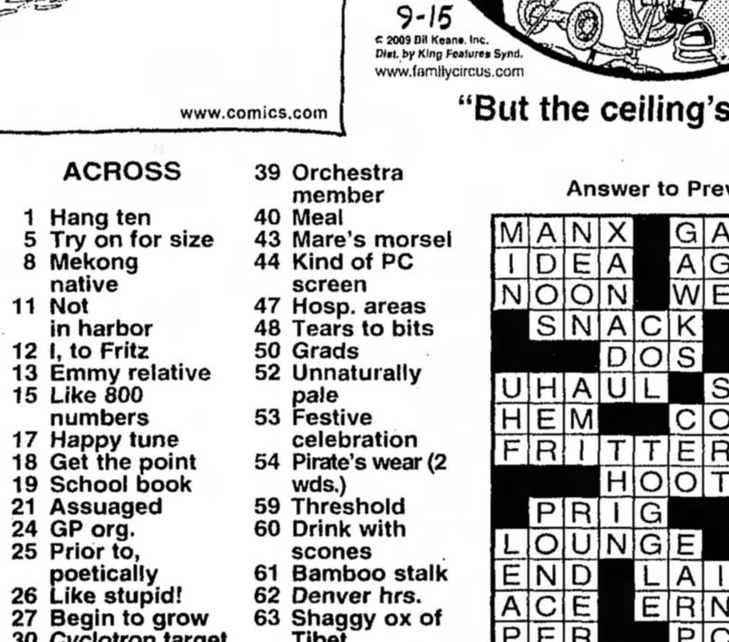

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# Many are counting pennies with economy in doldrums

Dear **ABBY**

**DEAR ABBY**: I would like to make the public aware of something that is the result of the poor economy.

When someone who is hurting financially is invited out to a restaurant, bar, movie, etc., and the person declines your invitation, please don't take it personally.

He or she may be watching every penny.

Every cent matters if it's needed for food, shelter, bills, etc.

A person in this situation simply cannot afford to "splurge" on these kinds of activities.

Believe me, I know what I'm talking about.

I have been invited to participate in various social events, and I can't afford to go.

This is not something that I want to broadcast either.

Some of us may be keeping quiet about it.

Let's face it — it's an awful situation to be in, but one we hope will not last forever. — **IN THAT BOAT IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR IN THAT BOAT**: I'm sorry you're experiencing tough sailing, and I hope you will be out of rough waters soon.

Folks, this person is giving you a timely heads-up.

If someone suddenly starts declining social invitations, it does not necessarily indicate that he or she has become antisocial.

It may mean the person is financially unable to do so.

**DEAR ABBY**: My husband, "Fred," sees absolutely nothing wrong with the fact that he did not take a day off from work to attend my 94-year-old mother's funeral.

He stopped by the ceremony for the graveside service, then left immediately and returned to work.

Fred is an independent traveling salesman who never works more than half a day, so it wasn't like he needed to hurry back to an office or place of business.

He didn't even have enough love or respect for me or my mother's family to spend the day with us.

Do you agree with me this was unkind?

Fred thinks I'm the one who is being unreasonable. — **WOUNDED WIFE IN COLUMBIA, S.C.**

**DEAR WOUNDED**: Of course his behavior was unkind. It was also insensitive.

Regardless of your mother's age, losing a parent is painful and his place was by your side offering emotional support.

It appears you married someone who is usually centered on his own needs, and I'm willing to bet this incident isn't the only example.

Please accept my sympathy on two counts: First for the loss of your mother, and second, for marrying someone who would be willfully absent when you needed him the most.

Whatta guy.

**DEAR ABBY**: Cooking is my hobby. I enjoy hosting luncheons for my friends. I choose healthy, fresh ingredients, plan creative menus and presentation is important to me. However, it seems that someone at the table always pipes up with, "I don't eat THAT!"

I think it is rude and guests should just place an unwanted item on the side of their plate. Am I right? I don't know how to respond to people who do that. — **ANNOYED HOSTESS IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR ANNOYED**: Here's how. Smile and say, "If you don't like that, don't eat it!" Then pass the relish tray and say, "Would you like some crudites? Nuts?"

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## TUESDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

| | 6PM | 6:30 | 7PM | 7:30 | 8PM | 8:30 | 9PM | 9:30 | 10PM | 10:30 | 11PM | 11:30 | 12AM | 12:30 | 1AM | 1:30 | 2AM | 2:30 |
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| CBS<br>(2) KDKA<br>(7) WTRF<br>(10) WTAJ | (2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6 | (7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N) | (2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside | (2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (N) (10) Two and a Half Men | NCIS "Aliyah" Ziva has a tense reunion with her father. | | (:01) Big Brother 11 (Season Finale) (Live) | | | | (2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11 | (:35) Late Show With David Letterman Anne Heche; Jim Parsons; Care Bears on Fire. | | (:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Neil Patrick Harris; Spencer Day. | | (2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Programming | (2) (:07) Party Food Ideas! (10) (:07) Paid Programming | (2) Bringing Wall Street to Main Street (7) (10) Up to the Minute |
| ABC<br>(4) WTAE<br>(23) WATM | (4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No | ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N) | (4) Inside Edition (N) (23) Jeopardy! (N) | (4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune | Shark Tank Three of the sharks make a deal for an innovative Internet company. | | Shaq Vs. (Season Finale) Shaquille O'Neal challenges Michael Phelps to a series of swimming races. (N) | | (:01) Primetime: Family Secrets (Season Finale) (N) | | (4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News | (:35) Nightline (N) | (12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Eva Longoria Parker; Kelly Clarkson. (N) | | (4) Oprah (23) Trivial Pursuit | (23) (:36) RENO 911! | (4) Bring Wall St (23) Paid Prog | (4) Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog |
| NBC<br>(6) WJAC<br>(9) WTOV<br>(11) WPXI | (6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N) | NBC Nightly News (N) | (6) Entertainment Tonight "NCIS"; Dan Brown. (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N) | (6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Las Vegas" | The Biggest Loser (Season Premiere) During the first challenge, a contestant has a health scare. (N) | | | | The Jay Leno Show Michael Moore; Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz 10 at 10; House Calls. (N) | | (6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News | (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Jennifer Aniston; Melanie Oudin; Phoenix. (N) | | (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Anna Faris; Ghostface. (N) | | (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Jesse Metcalfe; Caleb Aero; Metric. | (:05) Poker After Dark Eli Elezra; Tom Dwan; Howard Lederer; Phil Ivey; Patrik Antonius; Ilari Sahamies. (N) | |
| FOX<br>(8) WWCP<br>(53) WPGH | (8) The Simpsons (53) Two and a Half Men | (8) That '70s Show (53) Frasier | (8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men | (8) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld | More to Love (Season Finale) Luke proposes to one woman. (N) | | | | (8) News (53) Channel 11 News | (8) (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond | (8) (:05) Seinfeld (53) Seinfeld | (8) (:35) Frasier (53) Scrubs | (8) Star Trek: Next Gener. (53) Paid Program | (53) Paid Programming | (8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) Paid Programming | (8) Paid Program (53) Look Young | (8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) George Lopez | (8) Paid Program (53) House of Payne |
| (13) WQED | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | | Nightly Business Report | OnQ | Members' Favorite | | | | | | | Charlie Rose (N) | | OnQ | | Members' Favorite | | |
| (19) WPCW | The People's Court (N) | | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | 90210 Liam tries to apologize to Naomi. (N) | | Melrose Place "Nightingale" (N) | | 10 O'Clock News | The Nightly Sports Call | Malcolm in the Middle | According to Jim | King of the Hill | South Park | Paid Programming | Paid Programming | Paid Programming | Paid Programming |
| (22) WPMY | Simpsons | Family Guy | Simpsons | Family Guy | Street Patrol | Street Patrol | Street Patrol | Street Patrol | Law Order: CI | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | Work Home | INSTYLER | Bernie Mac | My Wife | Half & Half | Half & Half |
| (40) WPCB | Lest We Forget | | Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget (Live) | | | | | | | | Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget | | | | | | | |
| (59) WBGN | TBA | RENO 911! | TBA | Paid Prog | Eye Eye | Eye Eye | Eye for an | Eye Eye | Cheaters | RENO 911! | Punk'd | Cribs | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| A&E | CSI: Miami "Bunk" | | Criminal Minds | | The First 48 | | The First 48 (N) | | The Cleaner | | The Cleaner | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The Cleaner | |
| ABCFAM | Fresh Prince | Fresh Prince | '70s Show | '70s Show | Ruby | Ruby | ★★ "Stick It" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Jeff Bridges. | | | | The 700 Club | | Greek | | Paid Prog | P90X: Proof | Paid Prog | Paid Prog |
| AMC | (5:30) ★★ "The Astronaut Farmer" (2007, Drama) | | | | ★★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson, John Corbett. | | | | | ★★★ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt. | | | | | | Mad Men "The Fog" | | No Way Out |
| ANPL | Weird, True & Freaky | | Raw Nature | | Killing for a Living | | Animal Nightmares | | Animal Cops Houston | | Killing for a Living | | Animal Nightmares | | Animal Cops Houston | | Raw Nature | |
| BBC | Kitchen Nightmares | | BBC World News America | | After. Economy | | Dragon's Den (N) | | BBC World News America | | After. Economy | | Dragon's Den | | After. Economy | | Dragon's Den | |
| BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live New Boyz. | | | | ★★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah. | | | | Frankie | Frankie | The Wendy Williams Show | | ★★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah. | | | | The Wendy Williams Show | |
| BRAVO | Flipping Out | | Flipping Out | | Flipping Out | | Flipping Out "Bad Mojo" | | Flipping Out "Jenni 911" | | Flipping Out "Jenni 911" | | Top Chef: Las Vegas | | Flipping Out "Jenni 911" | | The Rachel Zoe Project | |
| CMT | Extreme Makeover: Home | | Extreme Makeover: Home | | Chonda Pierce: Prettyville | | ★★ "Straight Talk" (1992) Dolly Parton, James Woods. | | | | ★★ "Murphy's Romance" (1985) Sally Field, James Garner. | | | | | Videos | Videos | Videos |
| CNBC | Mad Money | | Kudlow Report | | One Year Later: Recovery | | House of Cards | | On the Money | | Mad Money | | Fast Money | | One Year Later: Recovery | | GRC | P90X: Proof |
| CNN | Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer | | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Campbell Brown (N) | | Larry King Live (N) | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | Anderson Cooper 360 | |
| COM | RENO 911! | Presents | Daily Show | Colbert | Scrubs | Scrubs | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | Daily Show | Colbert | South Park | South Park | Futurama | Daily Show | Colbert | Bill Maher |
| CSPAN | (5:00) House of Representatives | | | | Tonight From Washington | | | | | | Capital News Today | | | | | | Today in Washington | |
| DISC | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | How-Made | How-Made | Swords: Life on the Line | | Swords: Life on the Line | | The Colony (N) | | Swords: Life on the Line | | Swords: Life on the Line | | The Colony | | A Haunting | |
| DISNEY | Phineas-Ferb | Zack & Cody | Wizards | Montana | ★★ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002) | | | Phineas-Ferb | Phineas-Ferb | Montana | Wizards | That's-Raven | Life Derek | Cory | Replace | Kim Possible | Emperor | Dragon |
| E! | Soup | Soup | E! News (N) | | Christina Aguilera: The E! True Hollywood Story | | | | Kourtney | Kourtney | Chelsea | E! News | Chelsea | Kourtney | Kourtney | The Soup | Girls | Chelsea |
| ESPN | SportsCenter (Live) | | | NFL Live | 2009 World Series of Poker | | 2009 World Series of Poker | | Baseball Tonight | | SportsCenter (Live) | | Baseball | NFL Live (N) | SportsCenter (Live) | | SportsCenter (Live) | |
| ESPNC | College Football | | Bid Wars | Bid Wars | Boxing: Lewis vs. Mercer | | The Lost Son of Havana (N) | | | | AWA Wrestling | | American Gladiators | | Boxing | | Boxing | Boxing |
| ESPN2 | Horn | Interruption | E:60 | | E:60 (N) | | E:60 | | NFL's Greatest Game | | | Super Bowl | SportsNation (Live) | | NASCAR | 2009 World Series of Poker | | World Series |
| EWTN | Choices | Blessing | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | Mother Angelica-Classic | | Religious | Holy Rosary | Threshold of Hope | | Christ in City | Priesthood | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | Mother Angelica-Classic | | Threshold of Hope | |
| FNC | Special Report | | FOX Report-Shepard Smith | | The O'Reilly Factor (N) | | Hannity (N) | | On the Record | | The O'Reilly Factor | | Hannity | | On the Record | | Glenn Beck | |
| FOOD | Cooking | Minute | Challenge | | Cakes | Cakes | Unwrapped | Best Thing | Chopped (N) | | Good Eats | Unwrapped | Unwrapped | Best Thing | Chopped | | Good Eats | Unwrapped |
| FSN | Top 50 | Mike Tomlin | Best Damn Top 50 Special | | UEFA Champions League Soccer Marseille vs. Milan. (Same-day Tape) | | | | | Final Score | Top 50 | Final Score | Best Damn Top 50 Special | | Final Score | Final Score | Air Racing From Australia. | |
| FX | (4:00) ★★★ "Gridiron Gang" (2006) | | | ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal. | | | | | Sons of Anarchy (N) | | (:03) Sons of Anarchy | | '70s Show | '70s Show | (:03) Sons of Anarchy | | Paid Prog | Hair Club |
| GOLF | Golf Central | Top 10 | Lessons | Lessons | Approach | Top 10 | Top 10 (N) | Top 10 | Top 10 | Golf | Approach | Golf Central | Top 10 | Top 10 | Top 10 | Golf | Approach | Golf |
| GSN | Newlywed | Catch 21 | Deal or No Deal | | Family Feud | Family Feud | Lingo | Millionaire | Catch 21 | Newlywed | Deal or No Deal | | Be a Millionaire | | Jeopardy! | Hollywood | Pyramid | Pyramid |
| HALL | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | Touched by an Angel | | Touched by an Angel | | Touched by an Angel | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Cheers | Cheers |
| HGTV | To Sell | Ext Living | House | House | First Place | First Place | House | Bang, Buck | House | Property | Intervention | First Place | First Place | First Place | House | Bang, Buck | House | Property |
| HIST | Mega Disasters | | Modern Marvels "Carbon" | | The Universe | | The Universe (N) | | How the Earth Was Made | | Mega Disasters | | The Universe | | The Universe | | How the Earth Was Made | |
| LIFE | Grey's Anatomy | | Medium | | Medium | | Medium "Still Life" | | Medium "The Reckoning" | | Will & Grace | Will & Grace | Frasier | Frasier | Will & Grace | Grey's Anatomy | | Free Money |
| MSNBC | The Ed Show (N) | | Hardball | | Countdown-Olbermann | | The Rachel Maddow Show | | Countdown-Olbermann | | The Rachel Maddow Show | | Hardball | | Countdown-Olbermann | | The Rachel Maddow Show | |
| MTV | Parental | Parental | The Real World "Cancun" | | The Real World | | Best Dance Crew | | Daddy | Daddy | 2009 MTV Video Music Awards Host Russell Brand. | | | | Best Dance Crew | | True Life | |
| NICK | iCarly | Jackson | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Malcolm | Malcolm | Lopez | Lopez | Hates Chris | Hates Chris | The Nanny | The Nanny | Malcolm | Malcolm | Lopez | Lopez | Hates Chris | Hates Chris |
| OXY | America's Next Top Model | | ★★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. | | | | | | Addicted to Beauty "Coup de Natasha" (N) | | | | The Tyra Banks Show | | The Tyra Banks Show | | Snapped | Snapped |
| PCN | PCN Tours | | PCN Call In Guests. (Live) | | Best of My Kno | | PCN Primetime - pcntv.com | | PCN Evening - pcntv.com | | | | PCN Late Night - pcntv.com | | | | Deutsche Welle News | |
| PCNC | Pittsburgh Now | | News | Healthcare | NightTalk | | PCNC News | | NightTalk | | Pittsburgh | Fedko Fone | PCNC News | PCNC News | | Paid Prog. | NightTalk | |
| SPIKE | UFC Unleashed | | UFC Unleashed | | Surviving Disaster "Fire" | | Surviving Disaster "Hijack" | | Surviving Disaster (N) | | Surviving Disaster | | (12:03) Surviving Disaster | | Most Amazing Videos | | Disorderly | Disorderly |
| SYFY | Stargate SG-1 "The Light" | | Warehouse 13 "Regrets" | | Warehouse 13 | | Warehouse 13 (N) | | ECW (Live) | | Warehouse 13 | | Stargate SG-1 | | Lost "Exodus" | | The X-Files "End Game" | |
| TBS | Raymond | Friends | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | The Office | The Office | Seinfeld | Sex and-City | Sex and-City | ★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd. | | | | Steve Harvey |
| TCM | (:15) ★★ "Janie Gets Married" (1946) Joan Leslie. | | | | ★★★ "The Trouble With Harry" (1955, Comedy) | | | | | | ★★★★ "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1956) | | (12:15) ★★★★ "Vertigo" (1958) James Stewart, Kim Novak. | | | | | 7th Voyage |
| TLC | What Not to Wear | | Ultimate Cake Off | | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | 18 Kids | 18 Kids | Dancing Tweens (N) | | 18 Kids | 18 Kids | Dancing Tweens | | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Ultimate Cake Off | |
| TNT | Bones | | Bones | | Bones | | Bones | | HawthoRNe | | Saving Grace | | HawthoRNe | | Saving Grace | | Cold Case "Mind Hunters" | |
| TOON | "Scooby-Doo & Ghoul" | | Johnny Test | Johnny Test | "Scooby-Doo! The Mystery Begins" (2009) Kate Melton | | | | King of Hill | King of Hill | Family Guy | Family Guy | Chicken | Hungerforce | The Oblongs | Home | King of Hill | King of Hill |
| TRAVEL | Zimmern's Bizarre World | | Bridget's Sexiest Beaches | | Bizarre Foods-Zimmern | | Bizarre Foods-Zimmern | | Zimmern's Bizarre World | | Johnny Colt | | Bizarre Foods-Zimmern | | Bizarre Foods-Zimmern | | Zimmern's Bizarre World | |
| TRUTV | Cops | Cops | Oper. Repo | Oper. Repo | Oper. Repo | Oper. Repo | Rehab: Party at Hard Rock | | Rehab: Party at Hard Rock | | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | The Investigators | | Rehab: Party at Hard Rock | |
| TVLAND | Andy Griffith | Andy Griffith | Andy Griffith | Andy Griffith | Married... | Married... | Married... | Married... | Married... | Married... | Married... | Married... | Roseanne | | Roseanne | Roseanne | Roseanne | Roseanne |
| USA | NCIS "Tribes" | | NCIS "Ravenous" | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law Order: CI | | Primetime | Law Order: CI | | (:35) Psych | | Bait Shop |
| VH1 | Tool Acad | Real Chance of Love | | Eddie Griffin | Behind the Music | | 40 Greatest Pranks 2 | | | | Tool Academy | | Real Chance of Love | | Eddie Griffin | My Antonio Hula love story. | | Joe Francis |
| VS. | Sports Soup | Sports Take | Sports | Sports | ★★★ "Bull Durham" (1988) Kevin Costner. | | | | Sports Soup | Sports | ★★★ "Bull Durham" (1988) Kevin Costner. | | | | Sports Soup | Sports | WEC WrekCage | |
| WE | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Ghost Whisperer | | Secret Lives of Women | | Secret Lives of Women | | Secret Lives of Women (N) | | Secret Lives of Women | | Secret Lives of Women | | Secret Lives of Women | | Secret Lives of Women | |
| WGN | Becker | Becker | Funniest Home Videos | | ★★★ "America's Heart and Soul" (2004) | | | | MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners. From Safeco Field in Seattle. | | | | | | WGN News | Scrubs | The Bob & Tom Show | |
| ENC | (:15) ★★ "Spies Like Us" (1985) Chevy Chase. | | | | ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. | | | | ★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) Joe Pesci. | | | | ★★ "Firestarter" (1984, Horror) David Keith. | | | | ★★★ "Gone Baby Gone" | |
| HBO | (:15) ★★ "Baby Mama" (2008, Comedy) Tina Fey. | | | | ★★★ "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" (2008) | | | | REAL Sports | | Entourage | True Blood | | ★★ "The Express" (2008) Dennis Quaid. | | | | (:45) Hung |
| MAX | (5:15) ★★★ "Casino" (1995) Robert De Niro. | | | | (:15) ★★ "Nights in Rodanthe" (2008) Richard Gere. | | | | "Cheech and Chong's Up in Smoke" | | | Lingerie | Zane's Sex | (:40) ★ "10,000 B.C." (2008) Steven Strait. | | | | Black Sheep |
| SHOW | (5:00) ★★ "Bottle Shock" | | ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. iTV. | | | | ★★ "How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer" iTV. | | | | (:15) ★ "Good Luck Chuck" (2007) Dane Cook. iTV. | | | | ★★ "Love & Sex" (2000) iTV. | | | Feast |
| STARZ | "Dr. Seuss' How Grinch Stole Christmas" | | (:35) ★ "College Road Trip" (2008) | | | | (:05) ★★ "Sex Drive" (2008) Josh Zuckerman. | | | | Crash | | Crash 2 | (:20) ★★ "Prom Night" (2008) | | | "Walk Hard: Dewey Cox" | |
| TMC | (:15) ★★★ "Sicko" (2007, Documentary) | | | | | (:25) ★ "Saw IV" (2007) Tobin Bell. | | | ★★ "Flashbacks of a Fool" (2008) Daniel Craig. | | | | "The Neighbor" (2007) Matthew Modine. | | | (:40) "Swingers Sex Party" (2007) | | |

# FEATURES

**State Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, made a personal $500 donation to the Monessen Public Library and District Center. The money matches a donation by the First Catholic Ladies Association. At the presentation, from left, are acting library Director Peggy Tseng, library board member Susanna Swade, ladies association member Janet Imbrescia, Harhai and ladies association member Dorothy Urbanowicz.**

## Joe Walker members honored at convention

Four members of the Joe Walker-Mon Valley Air Force Association Chapter attended the state convention in Carlisle July 31 and Aug. 1.

William Teets, a Monessen High School chemistry teacher, was named Joe Walker-Mon Valley Chapter Teacher of the Year.

Teets

Hartman

State association President Bob Rutledge presented the award. Teets received a citation, association jacket and money. Teets serves as SADD sponsor, academic team sponsor, gifted coordinator and assistant varsity football coach.

The association named chapter Treasurer Karen Hartman as the state Person of the Year, based on long-time service as the treasurer and as the state treasurer. She was elected to a new term at the convention.

### We're seeking Active Seniors

Do you know an older Valley resident who just does not understand the meaning of retirement? If so, your friend could be featured in Active Seniors, which appears each Friday. To nominate an Active Senior, send an e-mail to jabramowitz@trib-web.com or call Joe Abramowitz at (724) 684-2634.

### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

*Today's clue: X equals V*

" M J B A K C W V E J Y H G A P E P H T B W W C E , V B E J O A H E P H Y H , L C T A J X H Y E P G E G K K Y J G L T K H G L L J R O . " - T E G O C T K G R K H W

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### CALENDAR WATCH

**Wednesday**

■ Fire Chiefs' Association of Westmoreland County meeting, Seward Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.

■ Joe Walker-Mon Valley Chapter, Air Force Association, meeting, Alpine Club, Monessen, 6:30 p.m.

■ Greater Monessen Historical Society accepting loans or donations of military items for its autumn exhibit, 505 Donner Ave., 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

■ Class on eBay selling, Monessen Public Library and District Center, 6 to 8 p.m.

■ Car seat safety checks, Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Services Inc., Walmart, Rostraver Township, 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging Caregivers Support Group meeting, Area Agency on Aging, Greensburg, 1 to 3 p.m.

■ Marion Elementary PTA meeting, school cafeteria, 7 p.m.

■ Autumn session, pre-school story time, Monongahela Area Library, 10:30 a.m.

■ Donora Harley Owners Group Chapter 4264 meeting, Rostraver Township Grange, 7:30 p.m.

■ Marion Elementary PTA meeting, school cafeteria, 7 p.m.

■ Southwestern Pennsylvania Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Association Inc. meeting, Monessen Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

■ Health fair, California University of Pennsylvania Performance Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Order deadline for potted mum sale, First United Methodist Church, Belle Vernon, (724) 929-4696.

■ Open house, Belle Vernon Area High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### VALLEY GRAPEVINE

#### VFW Post 699 plans meeting

Belle Vernon Area Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 699 will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion post, Broad Avenue, North Belle Vernon. The members will discuss vacant positions.

#### California Food Pantry distribution set Wednesday

California Food Pantry distribution will take place 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Brownsville ambulance station.

#### Charleroi Knights processing sweaters

The Charleroi Knights of Columbus is calling on members to help sort and pack sweaters collected to benefit the Washington City Mission. Volunteers will meet 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Knights hall, 702 Fallowfield Ave. For information, call Don at (724) 483-7393.

#### Flea market, bake sale planned at Liberty Tower

The Liberty Tower Tenant Action Committee will sponsor a flea market and bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Liberty Tower Highrise, 520 Liberty St., California.

#### Monongahela Class of 1948 plans luncheon

The Monongahela High School Class of 1948 will conduct a luncheon 1 p.m. Saturday at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township. Graduates and guests are welcome.

#### Luncheon, bingo planned in Donora

The Mon Valley Youth and Teen Center, 160 Thompson Ave., Donora, will sponsor a luncheon and bingo, 12:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (724) 379-4889 or (724) 379-8122.

#### Bingo scheduled in West Newton

Holy Family Ministry, Second Street, West Newton, will sponsor bingo 2 p.m. Sunday in the social hall. The admission price includes games and lunch.

#### Broad Avenue section closed today for paving

Broad Avenue between Vine Street and Jean Street in North Belle Vernon will be closed to vehicle traffic today for paving.

### VALLEY CLUB NOTES

## Charleroi Goldenagers

Eighty-five Charleroi Goldenagers met noon Sept. 4 in the Charleroi firemen's social hall.

President Sam Marraccini offered a welcome and led morning exercises, the flag pledge and a rendition of "America."

Libby Romito offered a silent prayer for deceased members followed by an invocation. The board served lunch.

Ken Jericho introduced Staci Lenhart, who discussed the Tri County Access program and Washington Rides, a share a ride program.

Marraccini, tour director, discussed the following trips:

■ Oct. 14, Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh. The bus will leave the plaza at 11 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

■ Nov. 11, Christmas show, Ten Tenors dinner show.

■ Dec. 2, Lee Greenwood show and dinner. For information, call Ruth or Sam at (724) 489-9486.

The following joined the organization: Kathy and George Savarino and Arlene and Donald Celaschi.

Two members celebrated birthdays: Marraccini and Beverly Green, who won the birthday prize.

Marian Hank drew tickets for share the wealth. Rita Demeter, Bernadine Aten, Marge McKita and John Karnack won.

The following won door prizes: Eleanor Carson, David Metz, Monica Sala, Catherine A. Martin, Kathy Savarino, Frank Mocilan, Alice Traversari, Helen Zadrozny, Colleen Carson and Julia Henderson. The next meeting will be Oct. 2.

## Belle Vernon Goldenagers

Chaplain Betty Savarino opened the Belle Vernon Goldenagers meeting with a prayer and the flag salute.

The group celebrated September birthdays for Stella Trent and Edith Forsythe, plus anniversaries for Jim and Betty Savarino and Ed and Pat Mikula.

Shirley Fugo, Sandra Bruce, Forsythe and Edith Ferencz served lunch. Leo Potisek helped them.

President Rose Kander opened the meeting. Rose Delia read the minutes, which were followed by the treasurer's report. The president asked for a moment of silence for the following members: Elmira Steer, Shirley Demko and Ron Betham.

Pat Beneccio said a card party and luncheon will take place 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Center on the Hill. Cost is $5. Reservations are required and can be arranged by calling (724) 930-8512.

Fugo discussed the Oct. 7 Wheeling trip and the Dec. 1-2 Lancaster Christmas shows.

She said a trip is being planned in March to the Pittsburgh Cabaret Theatre to see "Forever Plaid." For information, call Fugo at (724) 929-6659 as soon as possible.

The following won door prizes: Marie Koliscak, Potisek, Loretta Mitchner, Evelyn Grabana, Edith Weaver, Sandy Bruce, Delia, Sara Mitchell, Ed Mikula, and Fugo.

The following will serve in October: Ferencz, Pat Mikula, Mitchner, Forsythe and Betty Maguire.

Fugo presented readings, Kander closed the meeting and members stayed to play dice games.

## Monessen Class of '52 celebrates 75th

Sixty members and guests of the Monessen High School Class of 1952 celebrated its 75th birthday with a weekend of events.

On Aug. 21, they visited the Greater Monessen Historical Society Heritage Museum where they enjoyed seeing the Monessen memories exhibit and a short film from 1957.

A social hour on Saturday at the Monongahela Country Club was followed by a memorial service for deceased classmates led by Vera Nestor Croitoru. She was assisted by Evelyn Kanchuga Kostelac, Eleanor Demarino Reginelli, Frances Remaley Smith, Rose Marie Dominico Smith and Dorothy Hawk Turnbull.

Following a sit-down dinner, toastmaster Don Hayes introduced guest speaker Ralph Stone. He recounted some of his First Street Rambler articles.

Jerry Smith provided taped music of the 50s and 60s.

A Sunday morning farewell breakfast buffet took place at the country club, where the group agreed to continue yearly luncheons and discussed the 60th class reunion in 2012.

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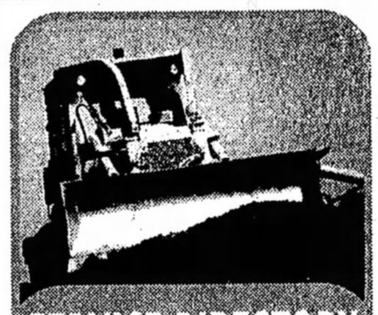

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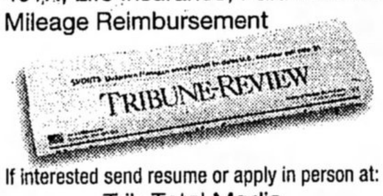


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Or to her Atty:
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Harrisburg, PA
17101-2039
9/1,8,15

Wiles, George
ESTATE NOTICE

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David R. Metz
1335 Wickerham Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063
Executor

Keith A. Bassi,
Esquire
Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, P.C.
P.O. Box 144
111 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
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## 2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Chulig, Nicholas
ESTATE NOTICE

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Jeffry D. Woods,
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Richard C. Mudrick
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## 2020/BID NOTICES

LIEN NOTICE

The sale of contents will be sold to satisfy the lien at: Meo's Rentals, 111 Donner Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062, to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 10am.

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Heather Agostinone #20
Dawn Daniel #19
Melissa Bilski #63
Jason Sullenberger #61
John Knopp #60
Bob Watson #58
Michelle Zubritsky #56
George Hartung #36
Frances Daube #65
Felicia Dickerson #13

9/15

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
REBID - NTB

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing and delivering of "Cartridges" for Washington County, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office located in Room 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. Late bids are not accepted.

All bids must be submitted as 1 original + 2 copies according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

SEALED BID
ENVELOPE
MUST BE MARKED:

BID: Cartridges
Contract #093009-1RCT

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ATTEST:

MARY HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
9/15,22

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Washington County will not be responsible for any incorrect information obtained from any source other than from Washington County.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 2009

VIRGO
August 23 through September 22

When partnership situations fulfill a specific hankering and/or a mutual need, they will work out for you in the year ahead. However, joint endeavors that have frivolous foundations are not likely to have a happy ending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If you're smart, you'll let compassion govern your behavior. When you do things out of the goodness of your heart, even when companions think you're foolish, you'll come out a winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You're well aware of friends' frailties and shortcomings and won't be easily deceived by them, even though some think you are. Focus on their good points.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- By setting your sights on that which could lead to material well-being, you'll place yourself in the position of probable gains. Do not allow insignificant matters to distract you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Use a "here's what I can do for you" presentation instead of a hard sell when trying to promote something important; you will stand a better chance of finding success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you want a favor from someone, don't outline what you want this person to do and how you want him or her to do it. Discuss your needs, and let the response come spontaneously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Because you are far more popular with peers than you realize, another who is jealous might try to upstage you. Sadly for this person, he or she will come out second best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- If your interest is only lukewarm, you aren't likely to win any races. Yet when you are truly motivated, even the fastest among your competitors won't outdistance you. Go for it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It's foolish to believe others should do what you won't do, so don't think you can palm off an unpleasant job on them. If you want their help, lead by example and continue to work at their side.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Unselfish desire is likely to be the only thing that will get you to rise to the occasion. When you see someone who can't do for himself or herself, you'll step in and help out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- The key to a harmonious relationship is to be supportive of your significant other. Important matters will see real results; when at odds, it'll be a different story.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- This is a better-than-usual day for implementing corrections in your spending habits. If your life has been affected by a shortage of funds, you're apt to do something about it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Affectations and extravagant gestures will simply drive people away. If you want to make a good impression, show that you are someone who knows how to use charm and good humor.

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## 5130/FURNITURE

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